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Preface.

By a novena is meant a devotion of nine days in honor of some mystery of our redemption to obtain a particular request from Our Lord through the merits of His sacred life and passion, or in honor of the Blessed Virgin or any of the saints, that by their intercession they may obtain for us favors from Almighty God. Novenas have always been considered a favorite mode of prayer. We know that God grants our petitions when we persevere in prayer. Often we pray, but we fail to obtain our object because we do not persevere in our pleadings. God wishes to be importuned, and then when in His inscrutable providence He finds it for our good and for His own glory He grants our requests.

Novenas may be made with any prayer. Those in this book are given as subjects and suggestions of what we should embody in our pe-

titions, that by borrowing the words of the prayer-book, we may offer to Almighty God holy sentiments which otherwise might be forgotten. Many other forms of prayers might be used: the Rosary said every day with the intention of gaining our requests, or confession and communion offered for the same purpose. We should perform a novena with the necessary condition of all prayers—that is, a great faith that God will grant us our requests, for Our Lord says: "Ask, and you shall receive," and perfect resignation to His holy will, though in His infinite wisdom He may withhold the particular favor which we request.

A beautiful example of perseverance in prayer is given by Our Lord in Luke xi. 5–8: A neighbor importunes his friend in the depths of the night to get up and give him a loaf of bread, because a friend had arrived from a journey, and though he did not give it to him because he was a friend, but on account of his persevering prayer, he gave him all he wished A nine days' devotion is

this importunity in which we ask God to grant us the needful things, God gives, not because it is good for us, but because we have asked, and then in His providence He arranges that this gift will not be a detriment to us. Besides the novenas there are devotions of greater and of lesser length. Such of these as have been established by pious custom and long usage are also given in this book.

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Part 1.—God.

Novena in Honor of the Holy Name of Jesus,

WHICH IS PARTICULARLY CALCULATED TO OBTAIN ANY PETITION.

(Feast, Second Sunday after the Epiphany.)

PRAYER TO THE HOLY NAME.

O MERCIFUL Jesus, Who didst in Thy early infancy commence Thy office of Saviour by shedding Thy precious blood and assuming for us that name which is above all names, we thank Thee for such early proofs of Thy infinite love. We venerate Thy sacred name in union with the profound respect of the angel who first announced it to the earth, and unite our affection to the sentiments of tender devotion which the adorable name of Jesus has in all ages enkindled in the

hearts of Thy saints. Animated with a firm faith in Thy unerring word, and penetrated with confidence in Thy mercy, we now most humbly remind Thee of the promise Thou hast made, that where two or three should assemble in Thy name Thou Thyself wouldst be in the midst of them. Come, then, into the midst of us, most amiable Jesus, for it is in Thy sacred name we are assembled. Come into our hearts, that Thy Holy Spirit may pray in us and by us; and mercifully grant us, through that adorable name which is the joy of heaven, the terror of hell, the consolation of the afflicted, and the solid ground of our unlimited confidence, all the petitions we make in this novena.

O blessed Mother of our Redeemer, who didst participate so sensibly in the sufferings of thy dear Son when He shed His sacred blood and assumed for us the name of Jesus, obtain for us, through that adorable name, the favors we petition in this novena. Beg also that the most ardent love may imprint in our hearts

that sacred name; that it may be always in our minds and frequently on our lips; that it may be our defence in temptation, our refuge in danger during our lives, and our consolation and support in the hour of death. Amen.

Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus.

Lord have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.
Jesus hear us.
Jesus graciously hear us.

God the Father of heaven,
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God the Holy Ghost,
Holy Trinity, one God,
Jesus, Son of the living God,
Jesus, splendor of the Father,
Jesus, brightness of eternal life,
Jesus, King of glory,
Jesus, the Sun of justice,
Jesus, the Son of the Virgin Mary,
Jesus, amiable,
Jesus, admirable,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, the powerful God,
Jesus, Father of the world to come,
Jesus, Angel of the great council,
Jesus most powerful,
Jesus most patient,
Jesus most obedient,
Jesus meek and humble of heart,
Jesus, lover of chastity,
Jesus, lover of mankind,
Jesus, God of peace,
Jesus, Author of life,
Jesus, Model of all virtues,
Jesus, zealous for souls,
Jesus, our God,
Jesus, our refuge,
Jesus, Father of the poor,
Jesus, treasure of the faithful,
Jesus, good shepherd,
Jesus, true light,
Jesus, eternal wisdom,
Jesus, infinite goodness,
Jesus, our way and our life,
Jesus, the joy of the angels,
Jesus, King of the patriarchs,
Jesus, Master of the apostles,
Jesus, Teacher of the evangelists,
Jesus, strength of martyrs,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, light of confessors,
Jesus, purity of virgins,
Jesus, crown of all saints,
Have mercy on us.

Be merciful, *Spare us, O Jesus!*
Be merciful, *Graciously hear us, O Jesus!*

From all evil,
From all sin,
From Thy wrath,
From the snares of the devil,
From the spirit of fornication,
From everlasting death,
From neglect of Thy inspirations,
By the mystery of Thy holy incarnation,
By Thy nativity,
By Thy infancy,
By Thy most divine life,
By Thy labors,
By Thy agony and passion,
By Thy cross and dereliction,
By Thy weariness and faintness,
By Thy death and burial,
By Thy resurrection,
By Thy ascension,
By Thy institution of the Most Holy Eucharist,
By Thy joys,
Deliver us, O Jesus!

By Thy glory, *deliver us, O Jesus!*
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Jesus!*
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Graciously hear us, O Jesus!*
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy on us, O Jesus!*
Jesus, hear us.
Jesus, graciously hear us.

Let us Pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who hast said: "Ask, and you shall receive; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you," mercifully attend to our supplications and grant us the gift of Thy divine charity, that we may ever love Thee with our whole hearts and never desist from Thy praise. Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

O God, Who hast appointed Thy only-begotten Son the Saviour of mankind, and hast commanded that He should be called Jesus, mer-

cifully grant that we may enjoy in heaven the happy vision of Him Whose name we venerate upon earth. Who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

Indulgence of 300 days, once a day.—Leo XIII., Jan. 16, 1886.

I HAVE BUT

One desire—Jesus.
One fear—to lose Jesus.
One to rest on—Jesus.
One home—the wounds of Jesus.
One occupation—to converse with Jesus.
One charge—to do the will of Jesus.
One joy—to possess Jesus.
One hope—to see Jesus.
One grief—compassion for Jesus.
One witness—the eye of Jesus.
One consolation—to suffer for Jesus.
One glory—to be despised for Jesus.
One rest—to labor for Jesus.
One refuge—the Heart of Jesus.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS.

O GOOD Jesus! O most sweet Jesus! O Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary, full of mercy and tenderness! O sweet Jesus, according to Thy great mercy have mercy on me! O most merciful Jesus, I implore thee by that precious blood which Thou didst deign to shed for sinners, to wash away my iniquities and look upon me in my misery and unworthiness, humbly begging pardon, and calling upon this holy name, Jesus! O name of Jesus, name of sweetness! Name of Jesus, name of delights. Name of Jesus, name of comfort. For what is Jesus but Saviour? Therefore, Jesus, on account of Thy holy name, be to me a Jesus, and save me. Suffer me not to perish, whom Thou hast created out of nothing. O good Jesus! let not my iniquity overwhelm me, whom Thy omnipotent bounty hast made. O sweet Jesus! acknowledge what is Thine and efface what is not Thine. O most gentle Jesus! have mercy on me, while yet the time for mercy lasts,

lest Thou condemn me in the day of Thy judgment. The dead will not praise Thee, Lord Jesus, nor they who descend into hell. O most loving Jesus! O most amiable Jesus! O meekest Jesús! O Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! take me into the number of Thine elect. O Jesus, salvation of those who believe in Thee! comfort of those who fly to Thee! O Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary! infuse into me grace, wisdom, charity, chastity, and humility, that I may love Thee perfectly, praise Thee, enjoy Thee, serve Thee, and be glorified in Thee, with all those who call upon Thy name, Jesus. Amen.

Indulgence of 100 days, once a day.—Pius IX., Nov. 26, 1876.

Novena for the Feast of the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Feast, Dec. 25th. Novena begins Dec. 16th and ends Christmas Eve.)

PRAYER.

I NOW begin, O my God, a novena in honor of the Incarnation of Thy divine Son. During these days I wish to be recollected and to with-

draw myself as much as my avocations permit from worldly distractions, and to adore in silence the mysteries of the Word made flesh, and I earnestly desire that He be born in my heart. Come, O Lord Jesus; come, O Holy Spirit of truth and love, Who didst form the divine Infant in the bosom of the most pure Virgin.

O Jesus, I wait for Thy coming as did the prophets and patriarchs of old; with feeling I cry out with them: "Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down the just; let the earth open and give us the Redeemer!"

O King, in comparison with Whom the potentates of this world are but a shadow, "let Thy kingdom come." When will come upon us from on high that kingdom of justice, peace, and truth?

O most holy Virgin and blessed St. Joseph! obtain for us the grace to perform this novena with such attention, devotion, and ardent charity, as will entitle us to join the angels in rendering glory to God.

Let us say twelve Hail Marys in remembrance of the care and solicitude shown by our blessed Lady towards the Infant Jesus till His twelfth year. Hail Mary, etc.

Let us say three Our Fathers in honor of the years of Our Lord's infancy. Our Father, etc.

Let us make three aspirations to incline the Infant Jesus to turn His favorable attention on us.

O divine Infant of Bethlehem! Whom we adore and acknowledge to be our sovereign Lord, come and take birth in our hearts. Amen.

O Infant Jesus! grant that each moment of our lives we may pay homage to that moment in which Thou didst begin the work of our salvation. Amen.

O holy Mother of our Infant Saviour! obtain that we may so prepare ourselves for His coming as not to be separated from Him for all eternity. Amen.

Let us Pray.

MOST holy Infant Jesus, true God and true man, our Saviour and Redeemer! with all earnestness and respect we beseech Thee, by that

charity, humility, and bounty which Thou didst display in Thy infancy, graciously undertaken for the love of us, that Thou vouchsafe to grant us the favor we now beg, if it be for the honor of God and our salvation. [*Here each one will ask in spirit the particular favor desired.*]

O most amiable Infant Jesus! we are most unworthy to be heard in this our petition; but Thy holy Mother, the Virgin Mary, and the great St. Joseph, Thy foster-father while on earth, are worthy to be heard soliciting in our behalf. Then, O divine Infant! being mindful of their most sublime merits, especially those they acquired during the time they served Thee in Thy infancy in Bethlehem, Thy flight into Egypt, and Thy childhood at Nazareth, vouchsafe to grant our requests, and give us grace to promote the honor of Thy omnipotent infancy, to serve Thee with fidelity as domestic servants all the days of our lives, and to obtain a happy death, assisted in that last hour by the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph, whose zeal for Thy honor will lead us

to praise and bless Thy divine mercies forever and ever. Amen.

ASPIRATION.

HAIL and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary at midnight in Bethlehem in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, O my God! to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.

It is piously believed that whoever recites the above prayer fifteen times a day, from the feast of St. Andrew (Nov. 30) until Christmas, will obtain what is asked.

Novena for the Feast of Christmas.

(Feast, Dec. 25th. Novena begins Dec. 16th and ends Dec. 24th.)

PRAYER TO THE INFANT JESUS.

MOST sweet Jesus, born in a stable and laid upon straw in a manger, have mercy on us!

R. Have mercy on us. O Lord, have mercy on us. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.

Most sweet Jesus, presented and offerred by Mary in the Temple, to be one day sacrificed for us, have mercy on us.

R. Have mercy on us, etc.

Most sweet Jesus, persecuted by Herod and obliged to fly into Egypt, have mercy on us !

R. Have mercy on us, etc.

Most sweet Jesus, remaining in Egypt for seven years, poor, unknown, and despised by that barbarous nation, have mercy on us !

R. Have mercy on us, etc.

Most sweet Jesus, returned into Thy own country, to be one day crucified between two thieves, have mercy on us !

R. Have mercy on us, etc.

Most sweet Jesus, remaining in the Temple at the age of twelve years to dispute with the doctors, and after three days found by Mary, have mercy on us !

R. Have mercy on us, etc.

Most sweet Jesus, living a hidden

life at Nazareth for thirty years, serving Thy blessed Mother and St. Joseph, have mercy on us!

R. Have mercy on us, etc.

Most sweet Jesus, for three years before Thy passion preaching and teaching the way of salvation, have mercy on us!

R. Have mercy on us, etc.

Most sweet Jesus, terminating Thy most sorrowful life by dying for us on the cross, have mercy on us!

R. Have mercy on us, etc.

Let us Pray.

O BLESSED parents of the Infant Jesus, Mary and Joseph, if we came to solicit you to obtain for us worldly prosperity, honors, and comforts, our petitions could never reach a God whose cradle is a manger; a God, poor, weak, suffering, and humbled even to annihilation. But these are not our desires or petitions. No; we humbly and earnestly implore you to beg for us, at the crib of your infant Son, that, like Him, and as His true and faithful followers, we may live in true humil-

ity, disengagement from creatures, contempt of the world and its vanities, constant recollection, fervor, and fidelity in all our duties, and in the practice of the tenderest charity to our fellow-creatures. May we ever rejoice in our calling to the true faith, which binds us to be the followers and imitators of our humble Saviour. May we ever look with compassionate eyes on those who live but for this world, and continually pray that all may come to bless, to praise, and to love the Saviour Who comes to redeem them. Amen.

Litany of the Infant Jesus.

(For Private Devotion Only.)

LORD have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.
Jesus hear us.
Jesus graciously hear us.

Have mercy on us

God the Father of heaven,
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God the Holy Ghost,
Holy Trinity, one God,

Infant Jesus Christ,
Infant true God,
Infant Son of the living God,
Infant Son of the Virgin Mary,
Infant, strong in weakness,
Infant, powerful in tenderness,
Infant, treasure of grace,
Infant, fountain of love,
Infant, renewer of the heavens,
Infant, repairer of the earth,
Infant, head of the angels,
Infant, root of the patriarchs
Infant, speech of the prophets,
Infant, desire of the Gentiles,
Infant, joy of the shepherds,
Infant, salvation of infants,
Infant, expectation of the just,
Infant, instructor of the wise,
Infant, first fruit of all saints,

Have mercy on us.

Be merciful, *Spare us, O Infant Jesus!*
Be merciful, *Hear us, O Infant Jesus!*

From the slavery of the child of Adam,
From the slavery of the devil,
From the concupiscence of the flesh,
From the malice of the world,
From the pride of life,

Deliver us, O Infant Jesus!

From the inordinate desire of knowledge,
From blindness of spirit,
From an evil will,
From our sins,
Through Thy most pure conception,
Through Thy most humble nativity,
Through Thy tears,
Through Thy most painful circumcision,
Through Thy most glorious manifestation,
Through Thy most pious presentation,
Through Thy most innocent conversation,
Through Thy most divine life,
Through Thy poverty,
Through Thy many sufferings,
Through Thy labors and travels,
Deliver us, O Infant Jesus!

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Jesus!*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Graciously hear us, O Jesus!*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the

sins of the world, *Have mercy on us, O Jesus!*

Jesus, Infant, hear us!

Jesus, Infant, graciously hear us!

Let us Pray.

O Lord Jesus, Who didst for the love of us vouchsafe to reduce Thy incarnate divinity and most divine humanity to the humiliating state of birth and infancy, grant that we, acknowledging Thy infinite wisdom in Thy infancy, Thy power in Thy weakness, and Thy majesty in Thy littleness, may adore Thee, a little one on earth, and behold Thee great in heaven. Who livest and reignest with God the Father, in unity with the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

May the Infant Jesus hear us now and forever. Amen.

To all who prepare themselves for he feast of Christmas by a novena is granted an indulgence of 300 days, every day, and a plenary indulgence on any day during the novena, on Christmas, or any day of its octave. on the usual conditions — Pius VII Aug. 12, 1815; Pius VIII. July 9 1830

Novena to the Holy Child Jesus, for the twenty-fifth day of every month.

OFFERING TO THE ETERNAL FATHER.

First Offering.—Eternal Father, I offer to Thy honor and glory, and for my own salvation and for the salvation of the whole world, the mystery of the birth of our divine Saviour.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Second Offering.—Eternal Father, I offer to Thy honor and glory, and for my eternal salvation, the sufferings of the most holy Virgin and St. Joseph in that long and weary journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. I offer Thee the sorrows of their hearts when they found no place wherein to shelter themselves when the Saviour of the world was to be born.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Third Offering.—Eternal Father, I offer to Thy honor and glory, and for my salvation, the sufferings of Jesus

in the stable where He was born, the cold He suffered, the swaddling-clothes which bound Him, the tears He shed, and His tender infant cries.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Fourth Offering.—Eternal Father, I offer to Thy honor and glory, and for my eternal salvation, the pain which the holy Child Jesus felt in His tender body when He submitted to circumcision. I offer Thee His precious blood which then, for the first time, He shed for the salvation of the whole human race.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Fifth Offering.—Eternal Father, I offer to Thy honor and glory, and for my eternal salvation, the humility, mortification, patience, charity, and all the virtues of the Child Jesus; I thank Thee, and I love Thee, and I bless Thee without end for the ineffable mystery of the incarnation of the Divine Word.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

V. The Word was made flesh,

R. And dwelt among us.

Let us Pray.

O God, Whose only-begotten Son was made manifest to us in the substance of our flesh, grant, we beseech Thee, that through Him, Whom we acknowledge to be like unto ourselves, our souls may be inwardly renewed. Who liveth and reigneth with Thee forever and ever. Amen.

An indulgence of one year to all the faithful who, with at least contrite heart and devotion, in public or in private, on any of the nine days preceding the twenty-fifth day of any month, shall recite these five offerings, with the versicles and prayer.

Little Office of the Infant Jesus.

AT MATINS.

Our Father, Hail Mary, I believe, etc.

V. Open, O Lord, these lips of mine,

R. That they may speak Thy praise divine.

V. O God, unto my prayer attend,

R. And hasten Thy strong help to lend.

O LITTLE Jesus, Infant blessed,
Take Thou my fondest greeting;
With Thee my sorrowing heart finds rest,
Thy untold sweetness meeting.
Who truly loves Thee, in a sea
Of blessedness deep sinketh.
Would any love refuse to Thee
Who once of Thy love thinketh.
That Thou, to be true Brother mine,
Frail child became, O might divine!
V. So God His glory veils from sight,
R. A servant's likeness taking quite.

Prayer.

O GOD, Whose love is so strong that it constrained Thee to become a little child, grant unto us the understanding of Thy great love, that, animated by a like love, we may love, praise, and glorify Thee forever. Amen.

AT PRIME.

Hail Mary.
V. O God, unto my prayer attend,

R. And hasten Thy strong help to lend.

UNTO the earth our dear Lord came,
Himself weak infant making,
Bore all sin's heavy load of shame,
All suffering and heart-breaking.
Oh! hasten, every human heart,
Your need to Him revealing,
In Whom all ways to heaven start,
Whose hands are full of healing.
For every ill that sin has wrought:
Through Calvary's cross our ransom bought.

V. Sinner, to Him this heart of thine

R. With love's chains draws the Child divine.

Prayer.

O God, Whose love is so strong, etc.

AT TIERCE.

Hail Mary.

V. O God, unto my prayer attend,

R. And hasten Thy strong help to lend.

O FEEBLE Child, Thou art earth's King,

The heavens high obey Thee ;
Wholly to Thee my soul shall cling :
How shall I else repay Thee
For all the love Thy heart doth hold.
With every new morn's breaking
All cares before Thee I unfold,
All my earth-wounds aching ;
Yet, though 'mid thorns my life must run,
Still will I say, Thy will be done !
V. Oh ! love Him, sons of Adam all,
R. He is so fair and sweet withal.

Prayer.

O God, Whose love is so strong, etc.

AT SEXT.

Hail Mary.
V. O God, unto my prayer attend,
R. And hasten Thy strong help to lend.

WHO would not marvel, Infant bright,
And tears from heart's joy borrow,
Seeing Thy soft eyes' magic light
That sweetens every sorrow ?

Warm hues of rose and coral flower
Thy soft round cheeks have taken,
Thy tender mouth hath strongest power
Longing most deep to waken.
That I may kiss Thee, bend Thou down,
And let love's chains be round me thrown.

V. Because all dear and fair Thou art—

R. No one lies nearer to my heart.

Prayer.

O God, Whose love is so strong, etc.

AT NONE.

Hail Mary.

V. O God, unto my prayer attend,

R. And hasten Thy strong help to lend.

YET what see I? O Child divine,
What bitter tears Thou'rt weeping
To cleanse me from this guilt of mine,
Sin's vengeance from me keeping.

Ah! what were I if my poor heart
Stood by, self-unreproving.
Were it of stone, that bitter smart
Would stir its depths to loving.
May I for love's sake truly grieve,
And Thou, O God, my debt forgive!

V. O Lamb of God, our guilt remove,

R. Bind us to Thee with Thy strong love.

Prayer.

O God, Whose love is so strong etc.

AT VESPERS.

Hail Mary.

V. O God, unto my prayer attend,

R. And hasten Thy strong help to lend.

WHEN torn my heart with anguish sore,
My heavy burden bearing,
Fruit of my sin sown o'er and o'er,
And weakness unsparing,
To Thee, O holy Child, I bring
All my repentant grieving,
And closer to Thy heart I cling,
Thee soul and body giving.

O tender Bridegroom of my soul,
Through Thee for me was paid sin's toll.

V. The sinner's death I do not seek:

R. Thus hear the gracious Infant speak.

Prayer.

O God, Whose love is so strong, etc.

AT COMPLINE.

Hail Mary.

V. O God, unto my prayer attend,

R. And hasten Thy strong help to lend.

O Child once born for my poor sake
To poverty's privation—
Oh! come to me, that I may make
Thy care love's consolation.
My burning heart shall keep Thee warm,
No chill breath slumber breaking;
Here shalt Thou linger safe from harm,
Thy place no other taking;

Nor shall I ever set Thee free
Till death shall close these eyes for me.

V. On earth naught pleases Thee so well

R. As with the sons of men to dwell.

Prayer.

O God, Whose love is so strong, etc.

OFFERING.

THUS, Jesus! unto Thee I call,
Thy praise and sweet name blending,
Acknowledging Thy grace, and all
With grateful "Amen" ending.
My body's service I to Thee
With heart's whole life surrender;
As my reward grant unto me
Thy heart, divinely tender,
That my heart e'er be Thine alone,
And Thine eternally mine own.

Novena to the Infant Jesus of Prague.

First Day.

Let us venerate the holy head of the divine Infant, in order to obtain the three divine virtues of faith, hope, and charity.

Aspiration.

What do I see? What a bright glow falls from the beautiful crown that encircles Thy head! What veneration I feel in my heart, struck by the loveliness and majesty that shine from Thy dear and precious crown!

Kings only wear crowns. Thou, too, art a King, dearest Jesus, the greatest and mightiest of all. Thou art a King from all eternity!

I recognize and acknowledge Thee as my King, as my highest and best Lord; therefore I cast myself down at Thy feet and adore humbly Thy most holy head.

Prayer.

I EARNESTLY beseech Thee that Thou wouldst increase in me the light of faith. Make me firmly believe that Thy holy image represents Thee as the eternally crowned King of heaven and earth, the Son of the heavenly Father, and of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who during Thy holy infancy nursed Thee so carefully and served Thee so zealously. Gracious and beneficent Jesus, give me a well-grounded hope, since my sins fill me with fear. I know that little children do not cherish anger and are easily persuaded. By the mystery of Thy infancy, pardon me, I beseech Thee. Grant that I may love Thee in all and above all. May nothing extinguish this flame of love! Grant me the grace to fulfil all the duties of my state faithfully, readily, and cheerfully, and to bear patiently all the trouble and bitterness of life. Amen.

Second Day.

Let us venerate the beautiful face of the divine Child, in order to receive the entire forgiveness of all our sins.

Aspiration.

O most adorable face of Jesus, I prostrate myself before thee and venerate and contemplate with admiration thy exquisite, beautiful form.

Thou lovest to alter this Thy holy countenance according to the state of the soul that beholds Thee. Sometimes Thou seemest quite angry and stern, and sometimes kind and loving. Sinners see Thy face covered with a dark veil, so that they cannot behold Thee until they have faithfully confessed all their sins. Dost Thou wish by this alteration to point out our fickleness and to strengthen us in good?

O dearest Infant Jesus, let some rays from Thy countenance pierce my dark soul, that, enlightened thereby, I may see truly all the

misery of sin, wholly repent, sincerely confess, and faithfully atone for all my transgressions, that I may behold in peace Thy holy face.

Prayer.

DEAR Infant Jesus, consider that Thy most sweet image remained seven long years in a dark room, dusty and forgotten, and nevertheless retained its ancient beauty. Cleanse the chamber of my soul from the dust and filth of sin, that it may once more be clad in the beauty it received in holy Baptism. Amen.

THIRD DAY.

LET us venerate the eyes of the divine Infant, in order to obtain complete victory in the time of temptation.

Aspiration.

O BRIGHT shining lights of heaven, most beautiful eyes of my beloved Infant Jesus! what joy it is to behold you, what happiness to be seen by you! I cannot look at you without tears in my eyes, joy in

my soul, and rapture in my whole heart.

Through these beautiful eyes not only the visible humanity regards us, but the invisible Godhead. Thine eyes teach me to rejoice and to fear; they awaken love and awe. Wonderful eyes of my little Jesus! look on me graciously, and give to my eyes the rich grace of tears, that I may wash myself clean from my sins.

Prayer.

O my dearest Jesus, I am firmly resolved, with all my heart, never more to offend Thee; but my weak and inconstant will is so well known to me that I am afraid a strong temptation may make me break my good resolution. My evil desires, with the world and the devil, never cease laying their snares for my perdition, for they are my sworn and implacable enemies.

Where shall I seek for help and find it? Where else but with Thee, Who art so weak in body, but so almighty in power? O tender Infant Jesus! Thy omnipotence delivered

in a wonderful manner the cities of Prague, Brunn, and Ratisbon when they called on Thee for help against the beleaguring armies of Sweden. Thou canst also deliver me from my spiritual enemies.

Be my constant shield, that I may yield to no temptation, and may be victorious always over the enemies of my salvation. Amen.

Fourth Day.

Let us venerate the mouth of the divine Infant, in order that we may love our neighbor and our enemies.

Aspiration.

What do I hear? What a miracle! A little Infant speaks, and speaks through an image and urges men to pity. Plainly didst Thou speak: "Take pity on Me and I will take pity on you."

What Thou didst say then to Thy faithful servant Thou repeatest daily to all sinners. Sin it is that grieves Thee, and, to speak humanly, troubles and tortures Thee. Mournfully

Thou beseechest man to leave sin and never more to offend Thee. I will take pity on Thee, that I may receive mercy from Thee.

Prayer.

How urgently Thou commandest us to love our neighbor and our enemies! Thou hast taught us this lesson from the cross by Thine own glorious example.

Why do I so often fail in the love of my neighbor; why is it so hard for me to fulfil the precept: "Love your enemies; do good to them that persecute and calumniate you"? Place a seal on my lips, that my tongue may never consciously wound, distress, or injure my neighbor. Help me to observe, entirely and always, the most beautiful precept, the love of my neighbor.

Fifth Day.

Let us venerate the little hands of the divine Infant, in order to obtain patience in persecution, crosses, and suffering.

Aspiration.

I VENERATE Thy holy little hands, of which Thy image remained deprived for seven long years. With what malice and contempt did the rude heretic soldiers strike off Thy little hands! Is this the gratitude of Thy creatures, whom Thou lovest so tenderly? Since Thou didst so piteously and wonderfully demand the restoration of Thy mutilated hands, how much it must have pained Thee to lose them! "Give back to Me My hands, and I will bestow blessings on you," so spoke Thy dear mouth. Can I hear this and not feel compassion? Now, once more Thou hast both Thy hands, and Thy right one Thou liftest to bless an ungrateful world.

Prayer.

EVEN as an infant Thou didst suffer much and patiently, in Thy circumcision and Thy flight into Egypt, and this Thy suffering is represented to us by the mutilated hands of Thy miraculous image of Prague.

Yet I, though so full of sin and guilt, am not willing to suffer anything; I am so easily cast down by contempt and humiliations, and fret and complain so readily in pain and sickness. Let all this be changed. Grant me patience and joy in suffering; Thou lovest a cheerful giver.

Give me back my sound feet, my strong nerves, my former voice, my happy disposition, so I beg of Thee through Thy broken-off little hands; but not as I will, but as Thou wilt. If sufferings and trials are better for me, do not take them away from me: grant me only patience in an overflowing measure, that I may suffer as it pleases Thee, and as I deserve.

Sixth Day.

Let us venerate the divine heart of the Infant Jesus, in order to obtain true humility.

Aspiration.

How full of love for the poor children of men is the divine

heart of the dear Infant! Day and night it burns with love, sending forth sparks that scatter countless benefits everywhere, to all men, even to the greatest sinners. But especially loving and bounteous is the little heart when it is honored and implored in the Infant Jesus of Prague. In order to understand all the greatness of this little heart one would have to possess the love and the knowledge of the dear Mother of God or of St. Joseph, or of that most faithful servant of the Infant of Prague, venerable Father Cyrillus. Why is my heart so cold in its love, so full of temporal, earthly, and selfish motives that the heroic love of God and of my neighbor can find no place therein? What a miserable child of earth I am!

So near the hearth-fire of eternal love, and yet so icy cold! What a purgatory I will have to suffer! And the chief cause of this calculating wisdom of the world is pride, self-love, ambition—in a word, egotism.

Prayer.

O GREAT and most wonderful God, represented in the form of a little infant, how deep down in my heart do I feel my shame! Thou art eternal majesty and perfect sanctity, and Thou art humble of heart; I, who am wretchedness itself, and full of the misery of sin, am filled with pride and self-esteem, and have therefore so little peace of heart.

Truly, because I am so poor in virtue, Thou hast every reason to turn away from me Thy most beautiful countenance. In spite of this, however, I am always ready to exalt myself above others, and to blame and criticise them. I know my misery, and yet I would fain be praised and rewarded, and preferred to others. The least humiliation or any neglect on the part of my fellow-creatures pains me, whilst Thou art so full of meekness and of long-suffering beyond measure, and hast so much patience with the children of men.

Divine Heart of my dearest Jesus,

fill my heart with a sincere humility and a true knowledge of myself, that I may one day deserve to be exalted by Thee.

Grant me the grace to be humble and simple as a child. To come to the Father I must be even as a little child.

Seventh Day.

Let us venerate the little body of the Infant Jesus, in order to obtain a happy death.

Aspiration.

Thy omnipotence, O wonderful Infant Jesus, kept the body of Thine image of wax uninjured and beautiful when the heretic soldiers, full of rage and fury, threw it down in the dust. Who would believe that a figure of soft wax could be so roughly handled and remain uninjured? And yet this is what occurred. What else can this preservation signify than Thy future exaltation! "He that humbleth himself shall be exalted." So it is with this image and with Thee

This miraculous image lay prostrate in the dust, mutilated and forgotten, for seven long years. Now it stands on many altars throughout the world, and is there venerated, while thousands of likenesses of it are spread everywhere and are honored in convents and families. First trodden under foot and neglected, then venerated and showered with gifts by kings and princes, cardinals, bishops, and priests, regular and secular—all conditions of men. Is not this miraculous? What man could have brought this about? For all this I praise Thee, and I am greatly rejoiced to learn of and believe in Thy exaltation. As happened to Thy favored image, so also was Thy divine-human person treated. Thou wast an outcast among men, mocked and despised, scourged and crowned with thorns, cast into prison and a murderer preferred before Thee, made the jest of the people, and now Thou art glorious in heaven and on earth. At Thy name every knee must bend, and Thou wilt come to judge the world. What a wonderful change!

How can a man who thinks of all this in his heart remain cold, unbelieving, and indifferent?

Prayer.

O MOST gracious Child Jesus! I come now to Thee to beg from Thee most earnestly the grace of a happy death. When my last hour arrives, do Thou come to me in the holy Viaticum and remain with me, and bring unto me Thy Virgin Mother and St. Joseph. Soothe my agony, diminish my anxiety, give me courage to meet all assaults, and grant me the grace to surrender willingly my earthly life in satisfaction for my sins, in order that I may so gain the indulgence for the dying, the last grace of holy mother Church. Bless me, therefore, with Thy little hand when the priest or some other merciful Samaritan blesses me.

On earth Thou didst live and suffer twelve thousand one hundred and ninety days; that makes two hundred and ninety-two thousand five hundred and sixty hours; and then Thou didst

die poor and neglected and despised and mocked by the world.

By Thy agony in the Garden of Olives and on the cross, by all the blood Thou didst shed, I beseech Thee grant me a happy death. If the end is good, all will be well. St. Joseph and St. Barbara, pray that I may receive this great grace. Amen.

Eighth Day.

Let us venerate the little foot of the Infant Jesus, in order to obtain a merciful judgment.

Aspiration.

I salute thee, blessed little foot of my Infant Jesus, that didst remain uninjured through all the seven long years. At one time forgotten, now thou art honored and venerated, to the terror of the enemies of Jesus.

Thy holy feet, O merciful Jesus, have made many steps to seek and find Thy wandering sheep. On this account especially I venerate Thy little feet of wax. How many hard and weary steps Thou didst take for

me in Thy life of three-and-thirty years! I am grateful to Thee for each one of them. Grant that they be not in vain!

Prayer.

THE heavenly Father has given Thee all power, and hath made Thee judge over all. O just Jesus! when my soul shall leave my frail, mortal body, it must appear before Thy all-seeing countenance, and Thou wilt judge it as God, holy and just.

To Thee are known all thoughts and desires, all words and deeds, and all omissions. Nothing will be forgotten in the particular or in the general judgment; all will be made known to the world at the last judgment. How will it be with me then? Ah, if Thou couldst then be to me not the strict Judge, but the kind little Infant Jesus! Grant me the grace to think often of the judgment and to serve Thee faithfully, that Thou mayest not condemn me. I beseech Thee, through Thy holy infancy, be not my Judge, but my Saviour.

Ninth Day.

Let us venerate through the divine Infant the immaculate heart of Mary, in order to obtain a speedy release from purgatory.

Aspiration.

I see Thee as a little, helpless child, hiding entirely Thy divinity. Thou art true God, one substance with the Father, and the most blessed Virgin is Thy true Mother, and rightly called the "Mother of God." It rejoices Thee when we honor Thy Mother, because Thou lovest her. Even as we pray to Thy divine heart, so dost Thou permit and desire that we should venerate the immaculate heart of Mary, especially in order to obtain the deliverance of sinners. Through this pure heart, so dear to Thee, have mercy on me.

Prayer.

Because of my lukewarmness in doing penance, and my indifference in gaining indulgences, I

fear I must suffer a long time in purgatory. There I can do nothing for myself, and shall be dependent entirely on the suffrages of others. The dead are soon forgotten. Therefore, my dearest Jesus, even at this day I beseech Thee, through the most pure heart of Thy infancy, release me quickly from the pain and abandonment of purgatory. To this end I offer Thy heavenly Father all Thy bitter passion, its scorn and mockery, its hatred and abandonment, its bitter agony of death, with all the good works of the saints, and all the holy Masses that shall be said even to the last day.

Let these prayers and offerings avail even to-day. When I lament in purgatory, let Thy precious blood come to redeem me and extinguish the flames. Amen.

Novena for the Feast of the Sacred Heart.

(Feast, Friday after the Octave of Corpus Christi.)

O SACRED HEART OF JESUS, overflowing with all sweetness! to

Thee we recommend ourselves and all our concerns, parents, and relations; our benefactors, friends, and enemies. Take under Thy protection this house and state. Extend Thy care to all such as lie under any affliction and to those who labor in the agony and pangs of death. Cast an eye of compassion on the obstinate sinner; also on the poor souls in purgatory, and on those who are engaged with us in the holy confederacy of honoring and worshipping Thee. Bless these in particular, O bountiful Heart! and bless them according to the extent of Thy goodness, mercy, and charity. Amen.

UNION WITH THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

PROFOUND adoration of the heart of Jesus,
Ardent love of the heart of Jesus,
Fervent zeal of the heart of Jesus,
Reparation of the heart of Jesus,
Thanksgiving of the heart of Jesus,

I unite with you.

Confidence of the heart of Jesus,
Inflamed prayers of the heart of Jesus,
Eloquent silence of the heart of Jesus,
Humility of the heart of Jesus,
Obedience of the heart of Jesus,
Meekness and grace of the heart of Jesus,
Ineffable goodness of the heart of Jesus,
Universal charity of the heart of Jesus,
Profound recollection of the heart of Jesus.
Tender solicitude of the heart of Jesus for the conversion of sinners,
Intimate union of the heart of Jesus with His heavenly Father,
Intentions, desires, and will of the heart of Jesus,

I unite with you.

INVOCATIONS TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

LOVE of the heart of Jesus, inflame my heart.

Charity of the heart of Jesus, flow into my heart.

Strength of the heart of Jesus, support my heart.

Mercy of the heart of Jesus, pardon my heart.

Patience of the heart of Jesus, grow not weary of my heart.

Kingdom of the heart of Jesus, be in my heart.

Wisdom of the heart of Jesus, teach my heart.

Will of the heart of Jesus, dispose of my heart.

Zeal of the heart of Jesus, consume my heart.

Immaculate Virgin, pray for us to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Adorable Trinity, we thank Thee for all the favors Thou hast conferred on Thy servant, Saint Margaret Mary, and through her intercession we hope to obtain the graces we ask for in this novena.

PRAYER OF SAINT MARGARET MARY

ETERNAL Father, permit me to offer Thee the heart of Thy well-beloved Son, Jesus Christ, as

He offers Himself to Thee in sacrifice. Receive this oblation for me, together with all the desires, sentiments, affections, movements, and acts of this sacred heart. They are all mine, since He immolates Himself for me, and henceforth I wish to have no desires but His. Receive them in satisfaction for my sins, and in thanksgiving for all Thy benefits. Receive them, that through His merits Thou mayst grant me all the graces necessary for me, especially the grace of final perseverance. Receive them as so many acts of love, adoration, and praise, which I offer Thy divine majesty, since it is by the heart of Jesus Thou art worthily honored and glorified. Amen.

For making the novena an indulgence of 300 days every day and a plenary indulgence on the day immediately after the novena or in its octave.—Pius IX., Nov. 26, 1876.

Golden Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

(Feast, Friday after the Octave of Corpus Christi.)

PRAYER.

DIVINE Jesus, Who hast said: "Ask, and you shall receive; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you," behold me prostrate at Thy feet, animated with a lively faith and confidence in these promises, dictated by Thy sacred heart and pronounced by Thy adorable lips. I come to ask [*here mention the request*]. To whom can I address myself if not to Thee, Whose heart is an inexhaustible source of all graces and merits? Where should I seek if not in the treasure which contains all the riches of Thy clemency and bounty? Where must I knock if it be not at the door through which God communicates Himself to us and through which we go to God? To thee, then, O Heart of Jesus. I have recourse; in

thee I find consolation when afflicted, protection when persecuted, strength when overwhelmed with trials, and light in doubt and darkness.

I firmly believe Thou canst bestow on me the grace I implore, even though it should require a miracle. Thou hast only to will it and my prayer is granted. I own I am most unworthy of Thy favors, O Jesus! but this is not a reason for me to be discouraged. Thou art the God of mercy, and Thou wilt not refuse a contrite heart. Cast upon me a look of mercy, I conjure Thee, and Thy compassionate heart will find in my miseries and weakness a pressing motive for granting my petition. O Sacred Heart, whatever may be thy decision with regard to my request, I will never cease to adore, love, praise, and serve thee. Deign, my Jesus, to accept this my act of perfect submission to the decrees of thy adorable heart, which I sincerely desire may be fulfilled in and by me and all Thy creatures forever and ever. Amen.

Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

(This novena is usually made during the nine days preceding the feast of Corpus Christi.)

AN OFFERING.

O SACRED Heart of our dear Redeemer! we adore thee with all the powers of our souls; we consecrate them forever to thee, with each of our thoughts, words, actions, and our whole being. We offer to thee, O divine Heart! all those acts of adoration, love, and glory which, whilst in this mortal life, thou didst render to thy eternal Father. Be thou the repairer of our deficiencies, the protector of our lives, and our refuge and security at the hour of death. Grant us, through the merits of that anguish and bitterness which for us thou didst suffer through the whole course of thy mortal life, a perfect contrition for our sins; grant us a constant disgust of all worldly allurements, an ardent desire of eternal

glory, and a lively hope of partaking of thy infinite merits.

O most loving Heart of Jesus ! we present to thee these our humble supplications, not for ourselves only, but for all those whom we earnestly recommend to thee in this novena [N.N.]. It is our ardent wish, O our dearest Lord ! that all may join us in spirit to serve and obey Thee. Accept these our humble petitions, and graciously grant our requests, through Thy infinite mercy. Impress us, O Lord ! with due sentiments of gratitude for the beneficent tenderness of Thy divine heart towards us, forlorn sinners ; receive us in the yet gaping wound of that adorable heart, that in it we may admire Thy divine attributes, practise Thy heavenly virtues, find the effect of Thy sacred passion, and our poor afflicted souls be thereby encouraged to shelter themselves within Thy sacred wounds.

AN ACT OF REPARATION.

O HEART of Jesus, infinitely merciful, ever desirous to communicate thy divine love to our

cold hearts! thy delight is to remain forever with the children of men; for this reason, O amiable Redeemer! Thou hast instituted a peculiar sacrament of love, in which we might find the treasure and source of all heavenly blessings, through which we might enter into the sanctuary of Thy inflamed heart, and there meet with secure repose in life and sweet comfort in death. With these most bountiful dispositions Thou hast vouchsafed to reside on our altars, to be our constant sacrifice in order to avert the anger of Thy eternal Father, excited by our repeated sins; hither Thou continually invitest us to come and partake of this heavenly food, which none but an infinite love could have proffered. What is there that Thou couldst have done to gain the heart of Thy people and hast not done? But how insensible, O bounciful Redeemer, have we been of those great blessings and favors! We have shown irreverence, disrespect, and even contempt before Thy divine majesty, in whose presence the saints and angels bend with awe and the

heavens themselves tremble. While Thou art being offered on our altars, the same offences, the same indignity and ingratitude are committed by those very people who have often been fed at Thy sacred table, nourished with Thy own substance, and on whom Thou hast placed the love of Thy heart.

O amiable Heart of our dearest Saviour! who can express thy affliction at the sight of such ingratitude. But how long, sweet Jesus, will Thy adorable heart be thus despised and contemned by wicked men? How long wilt Thou permit Thyself to be betrayed into the hands of Thy mortal enemies? How long wilt Thou suffer the scorn and contempt of Thy majesty in the Adorable Sacrament of the Altar? Sorely afflicted at the thought of these injustices and sacrileges, we cast ourselves with all humility at the throne of Thy mercy; graciously hear, sweet Jesus, the worst of Thy servants, who, in behalf of the whole Church, here presents to Thee Thine own adorable heart inflamed with love for Thy

persecutors and praying for Thy enemies: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Most merciful Heart of Jesus! propitiously hear the uninterrupted supplications of Thy saints and angels, of the holy martyrs and confessors, in atonement for these repeated insults and injuries, while in satisfaction for the same we offer Thee the following tribute of reparation on our own and their part.

Here say any five of the following acts you please.

ACTS OF ADORATION.

1. JESUS, our Lord and our God, ever adorable; oh, that we could be present in all the churches throughout the universe where Thou art not adored as Thou shouldst be, and where Thy inflamed love is not repaid with gratitude worthy of Thy majesty! We fly at least in spirit to those holy places now profaned, and offer on Thy altars there the fervent love and adoration of Thy holy Mother in compensation for the injuries ever

done Thee by the Jews, by heretics, and by bad Christians.

Eternal praise and thanksgiving be to Thee, Most Holy and Most Divine Sacrament.

2. O Jesus, true Sun that enlightens the Church and raises into a flame the hearts of Thy servants! we adore Thee; and to repair the sloth, indifference, and tepidity of so many who, though favored with the aspect of so burning a heart, remain cold, insensible, and inanimate, we offer to Thee all the inflamed desires of the seraphim.

Eternal praise, etc.

3. We adore Thee, O Eternal Wisdom! and to repair the gross ignorance which has caused us to offend Thee we offer up to Thee all the knowledge of those most enlightened spirits, the cherubim.

Eternal praise, etc.

4. We adore Thee, O most meek and merciful God! and to repair all the sins of anger, passion, and revenge, highly offensive in Thy sight we offer up to Thee the peace, mildness, and tranquillity of the thrones

Eternal praise, etc.

5. We adore Thee, O Sacrament of Love! and to repair all the thoughts and criminal desires, conceived even at the foot of Thy altars, we offer up to Thee all the pure affections and chaste desires of the dominations.

Eternal praise, etc.

5. We adore Thee, O immaculate Lamb! Who takest away the sins of the world; and to repair all the irreverences, gazing at dangerous objects, and disrespectful postures during the time of holy Mass we offer to Thee the profound respect of the choir of virtues.

Eternal praise, etc.

7. We adore Thee, O Source and Origin of all sanctity and innocence! and to repair the abominations committed by wicked priests, who consecrate and receive Thee in the state of mortal sin, we offer up to Thee the profound adoration and holiness of the powers.

Eternal praise, etc.

8. We adore Thee, sovereign Lord of the universe, to Whom all kn es,

both in heaven and earth, should bend, and all reverence be paid; and in order to repair the many blasphemies against Thy honor, we offer up to Thee the praises and homage of the principalities.

Eternal praise, etc.

9. We adore Thee, Saviour of the world, to Whom all fidelity and glory is due; and to repair the sacrilegious communions and treacheries of so many false consciences we offer up to Thee the fervent and faithful zeal of the archangels.

Eternal praise, etc.

10. We adore Thee, the delight of heaven and earth; and to repair the neglect, indifference, and contempt which mankind shows of that loving invitation by which Thou callest them to Thy sweet embraces in the Holy Eucharist, we offer up to Thee the ready obedience, content, and happiness of the angels.

Eternal praise, etc.

11. We adore Thee, never-failing Bounty and Goodness; and to repair man's offensive diffidence in Thy tender mercy, we offer up to Thee

the steadfast reliance and assurance of the holy patriarchs in Thy promises.

Eternal praise, etc.

12. We adore Thee, O amiable Jesus! and revere the sacred mystery of the Blessed Eucharist revealed by Thy divine Word, taught by the Church, and proved by miracles; and to repair the doubts which men have had of Thy real presence in the Holy Sacrament, we offer up to Thee the due submission shown by the prophets to Thy divine oracles.

Eternal praise, etc.

13. We adore Thee, most tender and most amiable of all fathers; and to make reparation for the errors and infidelities of Thy own children, we offer up to Thee the faith of the apostles.

Eternal praise, etc.

14. We adore Thee, most loving Shepherd, pattern of true charity; and to make reparation for the designs of revenge conceived in defiance of Thy divine prohibition, we offer up to Thee the patience and prayers of the martyrs in favor of their persecutors.

Eternal praise, etc.

15. We adore Thee, inexhaustible fund of treasures; and to make reparation for all the robberies committed in Thy churches, we offer up to Thee the rich and bountiful donations of Thy devout servants.

Eternal praise, etc.

16. We adore Thee, O most watchful Advocate! and to make reparation for the many negligences of those who have any authority in the Church to correct the abuses and irreverences there committed against Thee, we offer up to Thee the exact attention and careful solicitude of holy bishops and prelates.

Eternal praise, etc.

17. We adore Thee, O God of infinite majesty! Whom we can never sufficiently adore and reverence; and to make reparation for all the impious oaths pronounced against Thee, we offer up to Thee the pious discourses made in Thy honor by the holy doctors of the Church.

Eternal praise, etc.

18. We adore Thee, O hidden God! and to make reparation for all

the contests, disputes, punctilios of honor and scandal by which Thou hast been offended, we offer up to Thee the humility of the holy confessors.

Eternal praise, etc.

19. We adore Thee, eternal Priest, Whose delight is to make sacrifice; and to make reparation for the insults and affronts done to Thy priests, religious, and virgins, we offer up to Thee Thy own invincible patience, together with the true and fervent zeal of all good priests and apostolic preachers.

Eternal praise, etc.

20. We adore Thee, true Bread of angels; and to make reparation for the sins committed against Thy command of abstinence, we offer up to Thee the fasts and temperance of the holy anchorites.

Eternal praise, etc.

21. We adore Thee, O God of all purity! and to make reparation for all the sins which have hitherto been committed against the virtue of purity, we offer up to Thee the modesty and penance of all holy religious, men and women.

Eternal praise, etc.

22. We adore Thee, amiable Spouse of our souls; and to make reparation for all the lukewarmness and indifference shown by many, particularly in time of holy communion, we offer up to Thee the raptures and ecstasies of holy virgins.

Eternal praise, etc.

23. We adore Thee, most worthy object of the love and affection of men and angels; and to repair the profanations committed in Thy churches by the effusion of so much innocent blood, as also to make some atonement for the poor and indigent manner Thou art entertained there, we offer up to Thee the piety of all the blessed saints and the distress and want in which Thy persecuted servants were.

Eternal praise, etc.

24. We adore Thee, Son of the ever-glorious Virgin; and to make, as much as lies in our power, a general reparation for all the indignities Thou hast suffered for men since the institution of this adorable mystery, we have recourse to Thy holy Mother, looking

upon her as, under Thee, the greatest and most secure refuge of sinners.

Eternal praise, etc.

O Queen of heaven and earth, hope of mankind, who adorest thy divine Son incessantly, we entreat thee that, since we have the honor to be of the number of thy children, thou wouldst interest thyself in our behalf and make satisfaction for us, and in our name, to our eternal Judge, by rendering to Him the duties which we ourselves are incapable of performing. Amen.

AN OBLATION.

ALMIGHTY and eternal Father, permit me to offer Thee the sacred heart of Thy dearest Son inflamed with the love of Thee and wounded with the love of us. Receive, O merciful Father, this divine heart pleading for us through that ready obedience to Thy holy will by which He subjected Himself on earth to all our miseries, pains, and afflictions. Receive in satisfaction for our sins that love of His sacred heart which caused Him to undergo for

us that cruel flagellation at the pillar and that tormenting crown of thorns. Receive that divine heart which through love of us embraced the heavy cross and bore its weight to Mount Calvary. Receive, O eternal Father, that most inflamed and humble heart of Jesus which through love of us laid itself on the hard wood of the cross and offered its sacred hands and feet to cruel executioners to be transpierced with iron nails. Behold, O heavenly Father, this sacrifice of love offered to Thee for us poor sinners in the heart of Thy dear Son; it is wounded, it bleeds; it expires through the infinite love it has for us. My God, if we have offended Thee, will not the sight of this heart suffice to appease Thy anger? Receive it, O merciful Father, in atonement for our many offences: it is most worthy of Thy love and everlasting complacency. Amen.

Then conclude the novena by the following prayer:

MOST amiable Heart of Jesus, beloved object of our most tender

affections, may all honor, glory, love, and benediction be forever given to Thee.

Be Thou our comfort in adversity, our guide in prosperity, our safety in danger, and our protection against all our enemies, visible and invisible. Amen.

Other Prayers which May be Used during a Novena to the Sacred Heart.

FORM OF CONSECRATION.

Issued on Oct. 17, 1925, by His Holiness Pope Pius XI, for the annual consecration of the human race to the Sacred Heart on the feast of Christ the King, the last Sunday of October.

MOST SWEET JESUS, Redeemer of the human race, look down upon us, humbly prostrate before Thy altar. We are Thine and Thine we wish to be; but to be more surely united with Thee, behold each one of us freely consecrates himself to-day to Thy Most Sacred Heart. Many indeed have never known Thee; many, too, despising Thy precepts, have rejected Thee. Have mercy on them all,

most merciful Jesus, and draw them to Thy Sacred Heart. Be Thou King, O Lord, not only of the faithful who have never forsaken Thee, but also of the prodigal children who have abandoned Thee; grant that they may quickly return to their Father's house, lest they die of wretchedness and hunger. Be Thou King of all those who are still involved in the darkness of idolatry or of Islamism, and refuse not to draw them all into the light and kingdom of God. Turn Thine eyes of mercy toward the children of that race, once Thy chosen people. Of old they called down upon themselves the blood of the Saviour; may it now descend upon them a laver of redemption and of life. Grant, O Lord, to Thy Church assurance of freedom and immunity from harm; give peace and order to all nations, and make the earth resound from pole to pole with one cry: Praise to the divine Heart that wrought our salvation; to it be glory and honor forever. Amen.

Litany of the Sacred Heart.

By Decree of the Sacred Congregation of Rites, dated April 2, 1899, the Litanies of the Sacred Heart of Jesus are approved for the entire world, and the Holy Father has attached an indulgence of 300 days for their recitation in public or in private.

LORD, have mercy on us. *Christ, have mercy on us.*
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us. *Christ, graciously hear us.*

God, the Father of heaven,
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God the Holy Ghost,
Holy Trinity, one God,
Heart of Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father,
Heart of Jesus, formed by the Holy Ghost in the womb of the Virgin Mother,
Heart of Jesus, substantially united to the Word of God,
Heart of Jesus, of infinite majesty,
Heart of Jesus, sacred temple of God,
Heart of Jesus, tabernacle of the Most High,
Heart of Jesus, house of God and gate of heaven,
Heart of Jesus, burning furnace of charity,
Heart of Jesus, abode of justice and love,

Have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love,
Heart of Jesus, abyss of all virtues,
Heart of Jesus, most worthy of all praise,
Heart of Jesus, king and centre of all hearts,
Heart of Jesus, in Whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge,
Heart of Jesus, in Whom dwells the fulness of divinity,
Heart of Jesus, in Whom the Father was well pleased,
Heart of Jesus, of Whose fulness we have all received,
Heart of Jesus, desire of the everlasting hills,
Heart of Jesus, patient and most merciful,
Heart of Jesus, enriching all who invoke thee,
Heart of Jesus, fountain of life and holiness,
Heart of Jesus, propitiation for our sins,
Heart of Jesus, loaded down with opprobrium,
Heart of Jesus, bruised for our offences,
Heart of Jesus, obedient unto death,
Heart of Jesus, pierced with a lance,

Have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, source of all consolation,
Heart of Jesus, our life and resurrection,
Heart of Jesus, our peace and reconciliation,
Heart of Jesus, victim for sin,
Heart of Jesus, salvation of those who trust in thee,
Heart of Jesus, hope of those who die in thee,
Heart of Jesus, delight of all the saints,
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord!*
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Graciously hear us, O Lord!*
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy on us!*
V. Jesus, meek and humble of Heart,
R. Make our hearts like unto Thine.

Let us Pray.

O almighty and eternal God, look upon the Heart of Thy dearly beloved Son, and upon the praise and satisfaction He offers Thee in the name of sinners and for those who seek Thy mercy; be Thou appeased, and grant us pardon in the name of the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who

liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen.*

ASPIRATION TO THE SACRED HEART.

O my God, Thou seest the wounds of my soul; I disclose them to Thee: have mercy on me: I am sick, and Thou art a charitable Physician; I am full of misery, and Thou art Mercy itself. All my hope is in the infinite greatness of Thy bounty.

PRAYER OF ST. GERTRUDE TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

Hail, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, living and quickening source of eternal life, infinite treasury of the divinity, burning furnace of divine love! Thou art my refuge and my sanctuary. O my amiable Saviour consume my heart in that burning fire in which Thine is inflamed. Pour down on my soul those graces which flow from Thy love, and let my heart be so united with Thine that our wills may be

one and mine in all things conformed with Thine. May Thine be the standard and rule of my desires and of my actions. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE VENERABLE FATHER DE LA COLOMBIÈRE TO THE SACRED HEART.

O Sacred Heart of Jesus! do Thou teach me an entire forgetfulness of myself, since there is no other way of entering into Thee. Grant that I may do nothing that is not worthy of Thee. Teach me what I ought to do to attain to Thy pure love, with the desire of which Thou hast inspired me. I feel in myself a great wish to please Thee, and a great inability to do so without a special light and assistance which I can look for only from Thee. Do thou accomplish Thy will, O Lord, in me. I oppose it, I well know; but I would fain not do so. It is for Thee, O divine Heart of Jesus, to do all. Thine alone shall be the glory if I become a saint, and it is for this alone that I desire to be perfect. Amen.

HAIL, HEART OF MY JESUS, BY SAINT MARGARET MARY

HAIL, Heart of my Jesus! save me.
Hail, Heart of my Creator! perfect me.
Hail, Heart of my Saviour! deliver me.
Hail, Heart of my Judge! pardon me.
Hail, Heart of my Father! govern me.
Hail, Heart of my Spouse! love me
Hail, Heart of my Master! teach me.
Hail, Heart of my King! crown me.
Hail, Heart of my Benefactor! enrich me.
Hail, Heart of my Pastor! guard me.
Hail, Heart of my Brother! stay with me.
Hail, Heart of incomparable goodness! have mercy on me.
Hail, most loving Heart! inflame me.

ASPIRATIONS.

O DIVINE Heart of Jesus living in the heart of Mary, I be-

seech Thee to live and reign in all hearts and to consume them in Thy pure love.

O most liberal Heart, be our whole treasure and our whole sufficiency.

O most loving and desirable Heart, teach us to love Thee and desire Thee alone. Destroy in us the kingdom of sin and establish in us the kingdom of virtue, that thy image may be perfectly formed in us and be one day an ornament of thy heavenly palace. Amen.

SALUTATIONS TO THE SACRED HEART.

HAIL, Heart most holy! Hail, Heart most meek! Hail, Heart most humble! Hail, Heart most pure! Hail, Heart most devoted! Hail, Heart most wise! Hail, Heart most patient! Hail, Heart most obedient! Hail, Heart most watchful! Hail, Heart most faithful! Hail, Heart most blessed! Hail, Heart most merciful! Hail, most loving Heart of Jesus, Son of Mary! We adore thee, we praise thee, we glorify thee, we give thee

thanks; we love thee with all our hearts, with all our souls, with all our strength; to thee we offer, we give, we consecrate, we immolate our heart; accept and take possession of it entirely; purify it, enlighten it, sanctify it, now and for all eternity. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE SACRED HEART.

MAY the grace and blessing of the Sacred Heart be with you; the peace of the Sacred Heart encompass you; the merits of the Sacred Heart plead for you; the love of the Sacred Heart inflame you; the sorrows of the Sacred Heart console you; the zeal of the Sacred Heart animate you; the virtues of the Sacred Heart shine forth in every word and work, and may the joys of the beatific vision be your eternal recompense. Amen.

ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART.

O SACRED Heart of Jesus, filled with infinite love, broken by my ingratitude, pierced by my sins,

yet loving me still, accept the consecration that I make to thee of all that I am, and all that I have! Take every faculty of my soul and body, and draw me day by day nearer to thy sacred side, and there, as I can bear the lesson, teach me thy blessed ways. Amen.

A MOST EFFICACIOUS PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART.

O SACRED Heart of Jesus, we know that there is but one thing impossible to thee: to be without pity for those who are in suffering or distress. Look down, O Jesus, we beseech Thee, on us, and grant us the grace for which we humbly implore of Thee through the immaculate Heart of Thy most sorrowful Mother, to whom Thou didst confide us as her children, and whose prayers are all-powerful with Thee. Amen.

ACT OF REPARATION TO THE SACRED HEART.

O SWEETEST Heart of Jesus! Heart full of love and full of sorrow! how shall I console thee?

With what comfort shall I comfort thee? Alas! have I not too often grieved thee—perhaps far more than those for whom I desire to make reparation. I can but offer thee the love of one who never grieved thee. I can but offer thee the fidelity of one who never was unfaithful to thee. O Heart of Jesus! I offer thee the loving, pure, and faithful heart of Mary in reparation for all my infidelities and those of [N.N.], and in reparation for all the sins which have been or may ever be committed by bad Catholics. Glory, honor, and eternal praise be forever given to Thee, O Jesus! May all the world adore Thee. Blessed be Thy holy name, Who for us sinners didst vouchsafe to be born of an humble virgin; and blessed be Thy infinite goodness, Who didst die upon the cross for our redemption. O Jesus, Son of God and Saviour of mankind! we beseech Thee to have mercy on us, and so dispose our lives here by Thy grace that we may hereafter rejoice forever in Thy heavenly kingdom. Amen.

MEMORARE TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

REMEMBER, O most sweet Jesus, that none who have had recourse to Thy sacred heart, implored its assistance, or called for mercy, has ever been abandoned. Filled and animated by this same confidence, O divine Heart, ruler of all hearts, I fly to thee, and oppressed beneath the weight of my sins, I prostrate myself before thee. Despise not my feeble prayers, but listen to them with a favorable ear, and vouchsafe to answer them. Show us that Thou hast the heart of the best of fathers, and that He Who has deigned to give Thee to us for our salvation will, through Thee, receive our prayers. Amen.

A DAILY OBLATION TO THE SACRED HEART.

JESUS, my only treasure, I give Thee every one of my thoughts, words, actions, breathings, steps, and movements from now till the hour of my death. Come to me, then, dear

Jesus and grant me the grace I most humbly and ardently crave, that of dying in Thy sacramental embrace, of being judged and sentenced while yet incorporated with Thy sacred body, and of being presented by Thee to Thy eternal Father, spotless from the fountain of Thy precious blood Amen.

Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto Thine.

300 days' indulgence.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.

Immaculate heart of Mary, pray for us.

ROSARY OF THE SACRED HEART.

On the Cross.

SOUL of Christ, sanctify me! Body of Christ, save me! Blood of Christ, inebriate me! Water from the side of Christ, wash me! Passion of Christ, strengthen me! O good Jesus, hear me; within Thy wounds hide me; permit me not to be separated from Thee; from the malignant enemy defend me; in the hour of death call me and bid me

come to Thee, that with Thy saints I may praise Thee, forever and ever. Amen.

Indulgence of 300 days every time. —Pius IX., Jan. 9, 1854.

On the Large Beads.

Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto Thine.

Indulgence of 300 days.

On the Small Beads.

Sweet Heart of Jesus, be thou my love.

At the End of Each Decade.

Sweet heart of Mary, be my salvation.

At the End.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, pray for us.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be loved everywhere.

Indulgence of 100 days, once a day. —Pius IX., Sept. 23, 1860.

This Rosary is a perfect treasury of indulgences, for the prayers which compose it are rich in this respect.

There is no need for special beads; those of the Blessed Virgin are sufficient. We may say the Rosary of the Sacred Heart everywhere, for it is easy to learn, and may be recited in a few minutes.

Novena to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

(Feast of Corpus Christi, Thursday after Trinity Sunday.)

ACTS OF ADORATION AND REPARATION TO JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

1. PROFOUNDLY I adore Thee, Jesus, hid beneath the mystic emblems; I acknowledge Thee very God and very Man. Accept this act of adoration, by which I fain would make Thee reparation for the cold hearts of so many of Thy people who pass before Thy holy temples, nay, before Thy very tabernacle, where, hour after hour, Thou dost deign to dwell with loving impatience to give Thyself to be Thy people's food, and yet do not even bend the

knee before Thee, their God; but, like the Israelites in the wilderness, seem, by their indifference, to loathe this bread of heaven. I offer Thee, then, Thine own most precious blood which Thou didst shed from the wound in Thy left foot in reparation for this hateful coldness; and, entering in spirit within this same wound, I cry aloud, in never-ending praise:

O sacrament most holy! O sacrament divine!
All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.

2. Profoundly I adore Thee, my Jesus; I acknowledge Thy presence in this Most Holy Sacrament. By this act of adoration fain would I make amends for Thy people, so many of whom seem as though they knew Thee not; but, while they see Thee go to the poor sick, to be their strength in their great journey to eternity, leave Thee unescorted, and hardly give Thee even one outward sign of homage. I offer Thee, in reparation of this coldness, Thine

own most precious blood which Thou didst shed from the wound in Thy right foot, and, entering therein in spirit, again I cry ten thousand thousand times :

O sacrament most holy ! O sacrament divine !
All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.

3. Profoundly I adore Thee, my Jesus, true Bread of life eternal ; and by this act of adoration I fain would make Thee compensation for all the wounds with which Thy sacred heart doth daily bleed to see the profanation of the churches wherein Thou dost vouchsafe to abide beneath the sacramental emblems, to receive the love and adoration of Thy people. I offer Thee, in reparation for such great irreverence, Thine own most precious blood which Thou didst shed from the wound in Thy left hand, and, entering therein in spirit, I say at every moment :

O sacrament most holy ! O sacrament divine !

All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.

4. Profoundly I adore Thee, my Jesus, living Bread come down from heaven ; and by this act of adoration I fain would make amends for all the acts of irreverence which Thy people, day by day, commit in assisting at holy Mass, wherein Thou dost renew, though bloodlessly, that self-same sacrifice which once Thou didst consummate on Calvary for our salvation. I offer Thee, in reparation for all this ingratitude, Thine own most precious blood which Thou didst shed from the wound in Thy right hand, and, entering therein in spirit, I uplift my voice, and, together with Thy holy angels, who stand around Thy throne, I say :

O sacrament most holy ! O sacrament divine !
All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.

5. Profoundly I adore Thee, my Jesus, true Victim of atonement for our sins; and I offer this act of adoration in compensation for the sacrilegious outrages which Thou dost receive from so many of Thy ungrateful people, who dare to draw nigh to Thee and to receive Thee in communion with mortal sin upon their souls. In reparation for these hateful sacrileges I offer Thee those last drops of Thy most precious blood which Thou didst shed from the wound in Thy most sacred side, and, entering therein, in spirit, I adore Thee, I bless Thee, I love Thee, and, with all the holy souls who love Thee in the Most Holy Sacrament, I exclaim:

O sacrament most holy! O sacrament divine!
All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.

Tantum ergo, etc., with the versicle and the prayer.

Indulgence of 300 days.—Pius VII., Aug. 26, 1814.

HONORABLE REPARATION AND EJACULATIONS.

Act of Reparation.

JESUS, my God, my Saviour, with that lowly homage with which faith inspires me, I worship Thee, true God and true Man; with my whole heart I love Thee, enclosed in the Most August Sacrament of the Altar, in reparation for all the acts of irreverence, profanation, and sacrilege which, to my shame, I may ever have committed, as well as for all those which have ever been committed, or ever may be committed in ages yet to come.

I adore Thee, my God, not, indeed, as much as Thou deservest, or as much as I ought, but according to the little strength I have; and fain would I adore Thee with all the perfection of every rational creature. Meantime I purpose, now and forever, to adore Thee, not only for those Catholics who adore Thee not and love Thee not, but also for the conversion of all heretics, schismatics, Mahommedans, Jews, idola-

ters, and wicked Christians. Ah, my Jesus, may all men ever know, adore, love, and praise Thee every moment in the most holy and most divine Sacrament! Amen.

Ejaculations.

I ADORE thee at every moment, O living Bread of heaven, great sacrament!

Jesus, heart of Mary, I pray you bless my soul.

Holiest Jesus, my Saviour, I give Thee my heart.

Indulgence of 200 days.—Pius VII., Jan. 21, 1815.

SHORT VISITS TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

PIUS IX., Sept. 15, 1876, granted to all who, with at least contrite heart and devotion, shall visit the Blessed Sacrament, and say before it the Our Father, the Hail Mary, and the Glory be, each five times, and another Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory be for peace and union among Christian princes, for the extirpation of heresy, for the conversion of sinners, and for the triumph of holy

Church, an indulgence of 300 days, every time.

Pious Considerations.

I.

How often do we say to ourselves, "I should indeed have been happy had I lived at the time when Jesus was really upon the earth. Oh, to have sat at His feet on the mountain, or by the seaside, or away in the loneliness of the desert, where He went to pray! Not a thought of my heart but I should have told Him, not a sorrow but I should have laid before Him. How His adorable presence would have cheered and sanctified my soul! And surely He Who fed the hungry, and gave sight to the blind, and forgave the worst sins, and even raised the dead and gave them once more to the arms of the mothers that mourned them, surely He would have given me all I stood in need of, and how holy and how happy I should have been!" Dear child, what you would then have done you can do this very hour.

Jesus is near you still. In the solitude of the lonely church, where the lamp burns softly and all is still around, is the same Jesus Who was on the mountain, and by the seaside, and in the lone desert; and He has the self-same loving heart, and the self-same divine power to aid. You do not see Him, it is true, but neither did the blind people whom He cured, only they knew He was there, and they followed Him. What matter that He is hidden from our view? we know that He is there.

"He hides Himself," says the Curé d'Ars, "as in a prison, and says to us: 'You do not see Me, but of what moment is that? Ask of Me what you wish, and I will grant it to you.'"

II.

WHEN Jesus was preaching in Judea, do you think that it would have been easy to gain access to Him and speak with Him alone? Not so; many of the crowd that followed Him beheld Him only from a distance.

and it was but a small number of privileged souls who had the happiness of private conversation with Him.

Far happier are we, for in the Eucharist Jesus waits to speak with each one of us in particular, that we may tell Him the wants of our inmost heart, and to obtain from Him all graces specially necessary for us.

III.

THERE are many souls, pious souls, that avoid sin most carefully; they are anxious-minded, sometimes almost despairing; or they are careless, weak, weary, without zeal in the accomplishment of their duties, or zeal or charity for their neighbors; and why? Because they neglect to visit Jesus in the Eucharist; they will not come to Him to tell Him their sorrows, to ask His aid, to listen to His divine counsel breathed into the core of their listening hearts, which would send them forth filled with energy, strength, zeal, and devotion. O my child! accustom yourself to go often to Jesus, to see in

Him the Father Who forgives your faults, the Physician Who cures your wounds, the Friend Who loves you faithfully.

Do not think the half-hour lost that you spend with the King of heaven; you will not leave Him without gifts and benefits; your work will be better done, your character be more pliant, your temper sweeter. From no other visit can you gain all this, and you have sometimes, feeling a desire to unburden your heart, sought that comfort in a visit to some dear and intimate friend; of all friends, Jesus alone can truly assist you.

IV.

A visit to the Blessed Sacrament should be composed of pious reading, conversation with Jesus, and prayers for grace.

The "Imitation of Christ" is admirably suited for visits to the Blessed Sacrament. It is easy to imagine in studying its beautiful chapters that each word is actually addressed to one's self by the lips of Jesus in the

tabernacle. Many persons commence all their visits by reading slowly some of these chapters, pausing when the heart seems to speak to Jesus, and sometimes passing the whole half hour thus, reading, speaking, listening to Jesus, and letting the sweetness of the hour sink into their hearts. St. Liguori's book of "Visits to the Blessed Sacrament" gives for each day in the month a little lecture of this kind, each full of sweetness and devotion. It is impossible to study them without being moved and drawn to the love of God.

Acts of Faith and Adoration, Hope and Charity, Contrition and Reparation should be made.

V.

JESUS CHRIST complained to the servant of God, Sister Margaret Mary Alacoque, of the ingratitude of men to Him in this Sacrament of Love. To make her understand the love with which He dwells on our altars, He showed her His heart on a throne of flames, surrounded with thorns and surmounted by a

cross, and said to her: "Behold that heart, which has loved men so tenderly, which has reserved nothing, and which has been even consumed to show its love for them. But in return the greater part of them treat Me with ingratitude by their irreverence and by their contempt of My love in this sacrament. And what is most painful to Me is that they are hearts which are consecrated to Me." Christians do not visit Jesus Christ because they do not love Him. They spend entire hours in the society of friends; and they feel tediousness in conversing half an hour with Jesus Christ. Some will say: Why does not Jesus Christ give me His love? I answer: If you do not banish the world from your heart, how can divine love enter it? Ah! if you could say with sincerity what St. Philip Neri said at the sight of the Holy Sacrament—"Behold my love! behold my love!"—you would not feel tediousness in spending hours and entire days before the Blessed Sacrament.

To souls enamoured of God, hours

spent before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament appear moments. St. Francis Xavier labored the whole day for the salvation of souls; and what was his repose at night? It consisted in remaining before the Holy Sacrament. St. John Francis Regis, that great missionary of France, after having spent the entire day in preaching and hearing confessions, went at night to the church, and, having sometimes found it shut, he remained outside the door, exposed to the cold and wind, to pay homage, at least at a distance, to his beloved Lord. St. Aloysius Gonzaga wished to remain always before the Holy Sacrament, but was forbidden to do so by his superiors. In passing by the altar, he felt himself drawn by Jesus to remain, but was compelled by obedience to depart. Hence he would lovingly say to his Saviour: "Withdraw from me, O Lord, withdraw! Lord, do not draw me; allow me to depart; obedience obliges me to go away." If, my brother, you do not feel this love for Jesus, endeavor at least to visit Him very frequently.

fire will inflame your heart. Do you feel cold? "Approach the fire," says St. Catharine of Siena. Ah! happy you if Jesus, by His grace, inflames you with His love. Then you will certainly no longer love the goods of this world; on the contrary you will despise them.

PRAYER OF ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI FOR THE VISIT TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who, through the love which Thou bearest to men, dost remain with them day and night in this sacrament, full of mercy and of love, expecting, inviting, and receiving all who come to visit Thee, I believe that Thou art present in the Sacrament of the Altar. From the abyss of my nothingness I adore Thee, and I thank Thee for all the favors which Thou hast bestowed upon me, particularly for having given me Thyself in this sacrament, for having given me for my advocate Thy most holy Mother, Mary, and

for having called me to visit Thee in this church.

I this day salute Thy most loving heart, and I wish to salute it for three ends: first, in thanksgiving for this great gift; secondly, in compensation for all the injuries Thou hast received from Thy enemies in this sacrament; thirdly, I wish by this visit to adore Thee in all places in which Thou art least honored and most abandoned in the Holy Sacrament. My Jesus, I love Thee with my whole heart. I am sorry for having hitnerto offended Thy infinite goodness. I purpose, with the assistance of Thy grace, never more to offend Thee; and at this moment, miserable as I am, I consecrate my whole being to Thee. I give Thee my entire will, all my affections and desires, and all that I have. From this day forward do what Thou wilt with me and with whatever belongs to me. I ask and desire only Thy holy love, the gift of final persever ance, and the perfect accomplishment of Thy will. I recommend to The the souls in purgatory, particularl

those who were most devoted to the Blessed Sacrament and to most holy Mary; and I also recommend to Thee all poor sinners. Finally, my dear Saviour, I unite all my affections with the affections of Thy most loving heart; and, thus united, I offer them to Thy eternal Father, and I entreat Him, in Thy name and for Thy sake, to accept them.

Indulgence of 300 days every time; plenary indulgence once a month.—Pius IX., Sept. 7, 1854.

Novena for the Feast of the Precious Blood.

(Feast, First Sunday in July.)

OFFERINGS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS.

1. ETERNAL Father! I offer Thee the merits of the most precious blood of Jesus, Thy beloved Son and my divine Redeemer, for the propagation and exaltation of my dear mother, the holy Church; for the safety and prosperity of her visible head, the holy Roman Pontiff; for the cardinals, bishops,

and pastors of souls, and for all the ministers of the sanctuary.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Blessed and praised for evermore be Jesus, Who hath saved us with His blood.

2. Eternal Father! I offer Thee the merits of the most precious blood of Jesus, Thy beloved Son and my divine Redeemer, for the peace and concord of kings and Catholic princes, for the humiliation of the enemies of the holy faith, and for the happiness of all Christian people.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Blessed and praised, etc.

3. Eternal Father! I offer Thee the merits of the most precious blood of Jesus, Thy beloved Son and my divine Redeemer, for the repentance of unbelievers, the extirpation of all heresies, and the conversion of sinners.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Blessed and praised, etc.

4. Eternal Father! I offer Thee the merits of the most precious blood of Jesus, Thy beloved Son and my divine Redeemer, for all my relations, friends, and enemies; for the poor, the sick, and those in tribulation, and for all those for whom Thou willest I should pray or knowest that I ought to pray.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Blessed and praised, etc.

5. Eternal Father! I offer Thee the merits of the most precious blood of Jesus, Thy beloved Son and my divine Redeemer, for all those who shall this day pass to another life, that Thou mayest deliver them from the pains of hell and admit them speedily to the possession of Thy glory.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Blessed and praised, etc.

6. Eternal Father! I offer Thee the merits of the most precious blood of Jesus, Thy beloved Son and my divine Redeemer, for all those who are lovers of this treasure of His blood, for all those who join with me in adoring and honoring it, and

for all those who try to spread the devotion to it.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Blessed and praised, etc.

7. Eternal Father! I offer Thee the merits of the most precious blood of Jesus, Thy beloved Son and my divine Redeemer, for all my wants, both spiritual and temporal, for the holy souls in purgatory, and particularly for those who in lifetime were most devoted to this price of our redemption, and to the sorrows and pains of our dear Mother, the most holy Mary.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Blessed and praised, etc.

Blessed and exalted be the blood of Jesus, now and always and through all eternity.

Novena to Our Lord Jesus Christ the King.

O ALMIGHTY and eternal God, Who hast wished to restore all things through Thy beloved Son, the King of the universe, graciously grant that all the families of the Gentiles separated by the wound of sin, may be subjected to His most loving dominion, Who with

Thee liveth and reigneth in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

WE ADORE Thee, O immortal King of ages, and we beg of Thee, through the intercession of Thy holy Mother, a lively and loving faith in Thy real and life-giving presence in the Blessed Sacrament. Amen.

O JESUS, king in heaven, king also in the Eucharist, we adore Thee and we beg of Thee, through the intercession of Thy holy Mother, fidelity to grace in order to reap all the fruits produced in the souls of men by the gifts of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

O LOVING King! overwhelmed with insults both in Thy passion and in the sacred Host, we adore Thee, and we beg of Thee, through the intercession of Thy holy Mother, the grace of mortifying our self-love. Amen.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Thy Kingdom come!

Novena to the Holy Face of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

(This special devotion is assigned for the month of April.)

INSTRUCTION.

EVERY one knows that at the recitation of the stations there is one commemorating the pious act of St.

Veronica, who offered to Our Lord a handkerchief that He might wipe His blood-stained countenance thereon. Our Lord, having used it, gave it back to her, leaving upon it, as a recompense, the impress of His sacred face. Tradition informs us that St. Veronica carried this sacred picture to Rome. At present it is kept in a magnificent shrine in St. Peter's. Every year on Good Friday it is shown to the people and the blessing given with it. A description of it is given by an ancient writer, and is as follows: "The head of Christ is everywhere transpierced with thorns. The forehead is bleeding, the eyes swollen and bloodshot, the face pale and livid. Upon the right cheek the cruel mark of the blow given by Malchus with his iron gauntlet sorrowfully attracts observation, as also the spittle of the Jews with which the sacred cheeks were stained. The nose is a little flattened and bleeding. the mouth open and filled with blood, the beard torn in several places, and the hair also on one side." For a long time it was forbidden under pain of excommunication to make copies of this picture, but Pius IX., who loved the devotion greatly, permitted prints to be made on linen or silk and distributed for the devotion of the people. These

prints are touched to the real picture, and are, moreover, furnished with the seal of the keeper of the Vatican relics. so as to authenticate them and to authorize the use of them for devotional purposes. Confraternities have been established in various parts of the world, and new ones are constantly aggregated to the principal one in Tours, France.

Indulgences have been granted by our Holy Father Leo XIII. to this devotion. It has been supposed by some that it has been forbidden, but this is not so. It is not a public devotion used in churches, like the devotions which are of long standing in the special approved prayers for public worship; but this devotion may be used in private, and to encourage its use plenary indulgences are granted on the day of admission to the Confraternity of the Holy Face and at the hour of death.

ACT OF REPARATION FOR BLASPHEMY.

BLESSED be God.
Blessed be His holy name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.
Blessed be the name of Jesus.
Blessed be His most sacred heart.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary, most holy.

Blessed be her holy and immaculate conception.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in His angels and in His saints.

Indulgence of two years for every public recital after Mass or Benediction.—Leo XIII, February 2, 1897.

ACT OF LOVE TO THE HOLY FACE.

ADORABLE face of my Jesus, my only love, my light and my life, grant that I may serve no one except thee, that I may know no one except thee, that I may love thee alone, that I may live with thee, of thee, by thee, and for thee.

LITANY OF THE HOLY FACE.

In Reparation for Blasphemies and for the Conversion of Blasphemers.

(For Private Devotion Only.)

LORD have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy on us.

Lord have mercy on us.
Christ hear us.
Christ graciously hear us.
Holy Mary, Virgin, *Pray for us.*

O adorable face, which wast adored with profound respect by Mary and Joseph when they saw thee for the first time,
O adorable face, which in the stable of Bethlehem didst ravish with joy the angels, the shepherds, and the magi,
O adorable face, which in the Temple didst transpierce with a dart of love the saintly old man Simeon and the prophetess Anna,
O adorable face, which when thou didst appear in the Temple at twelve years of age didst fill with admiration the doctors of the law,
O adorable face, white with purity and ruddy with charity,
O adorable face, more beautiful than the sun, more lovely than the moon, more brilliant than the stars,

Have mercy on us.

O adorable face, fresher than the roses of spring,
O adorable face, more precious than gold, silver, and diamonds,
O adorable face, whose charms are so ravishing and whose grace is so attractive,
O adorable face, whose every feature is characterized by nobility,
O adorable face, contemplated by angels,
O adorable face, sweet delectation of the saints,
O adorable face, masterpiece of the Holy Ghost, in which the eternal Father is well pleased,
O adorable face, delight of Mary and Joseph,
O adorable face, ineffable mirror of the divine perfections,
O adorable face, whose beauty is ever ancient and ever new,
O adorable face, which appeases the wrath of God,
O adorable face, which makest the devils tremble.

Have mercy on us.

O adorable face, treasure of graces and of blessings,
O adorable face, exposed in the desert to the inclemencies of the weather,
O adorable face, scorched with the heat of the sun and bathed with sweat in thy journey,
O adorable face, whose expression is all divine,
O adorable face, whose modesty and sweetness attracted both the just and sinners,
O adorable face, which gavest a holy kiss to the little children after having blessed them,
O adorable face, troubled and weeping at the tomb of Lazarus,
O adorable face, brilliant as the sun and radiant with glory on Mount Thabor,
O adorable face, sorrowful at the sight of Jerusalem and shedding tears over that ungrateful city,
O adorable face, bowed to the earth in the Garden of Olives

Have mercy on us.

and covered with confusion for our sins,
O adorable face, bathed in a bloody sweat,
O adorable face, kissed by the traitor Judas,
O adorable face, whose sanctity and majesty smote the soldiers with fear and cast them to the ground,
O adorable face, struck by a vile servant, shamefully blindfolded, and profaned by the sacrilegious hands of thy enemies,
O adorable face, defiled with spittle and bruised by innumerable buffets and blows,
O adorable face, whose divine look wounded the heart of Peter with a dart of sorrow and love,
O adorable face, humbled for us at the tribunals of Jerusalem,
O adorable face, which didst preserve thy serenity when Pilate pronounced the fatal sentence,

Have mercy on us.

O adorable face, covered with sweat and blood and falling in the mire under the heavy weight of the cross,
O adorable face, worthy of all our respect, veneration, and worship,
O adorable face, wiped with a veil by a pious woman on the road to Calvary,
O adorable face, raised on the instrument of most shameful punishment,
O adorable face, whose brow was crowned with thorns,
O adorable face, whose eyes were filled with tears of blood,
O adorable face, into whose mouth was poured gall and vinegar,
O adorable face, whose hair and beard were plucked out by the executioners,
O adorable face, which was made like to that of a leper,
O adorable face, whose incomparable beauty was obscured under the dreadful cloud of the sins of the world,

Have mercy on us.

O adorable face, covered with the sad shades of death,
O adorable face, washed and anointed by Mary and the holy women and wrapped in a shroud,
O adorable face, enclosed in the sepulchre,
O adorable face, resplendent with glory and beauty on the day of the resurrection,
O adorable face, all dazzling with light at the moment of thy ascension,
O adorable face, hidden in the Eucharist,
O adorable face, which wilt appear at the end of time in the clouds with great power and majesty,
O adorable face, which wilt cause sinners to tremble,
O adorable face, which wilt fill the just with joy for all eternity,

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the

sins of the world, *Graciously hear us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy on us, O Lord!*

PRAYER.

I SALUTE Thee, I adore Thee, and I love Thee, O Jesus, my Saviour, outraged anew by blasphemers; and I offer Thee, through the heart of Thy blessed Mother, the worship of all the angels and saints as an incense and a perfume of sweet odor, most humbly beseeching Thee, by the virtue of Thy sacred face, to repair and renew in me and in all men Thy image disfigured by sin. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, etc.

ANOTHER PRAYER.

I SALUTE thee, I adore thee, and I love thee, O adorable face of Jesus, my beloved, noble seal of the divinity; with all the powers of my soul I apply myself to thee and most humbly pray thee to imprint

in us all the features of thy divine likeness. Amen.

THE GOLDEN ARROW.

The prayer called "The Golden Arrow" was given by our blessed Lord to Sister Sainte-Pierre to be said as a reparation for blasphemies.

BLESSED be the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most mysterious, and unutterable name of God be praised, loved, adored, and glorified in heaven, on earth, and in hell by all God's creatures, and by the Sacred Heart of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Amen.

PRAYER OF POPE PIUS IX.

O MY Jesus, cast upon us a look of mercy; turn Thy face towards each of us, as Thou didst to Veronica, not that we may see it with our bodily eyes, for this we do not deserve, but turn it towards our hearts, so that, remembering Thee, we may ever draw from this fountain of strength the vigor necessary to sustain the combats of life. Amen.

PRAYERS OF M. DUPONT.

O SAVIOUR JESUS, at the sight of Thy most holy face, disfigured by grief, and the sight of Thy sacred heart, so full of love, I cry out with St. Augustine: "Lord Jesus, impress upon my heart Thy sacred wounds, that I may read therein at once Thy sorrow and Thy love: Thy sorrow in order to suffer every affliction for Thee; Thy love in order to despise for Thee every other love." Amen.

Lord Jesus, when presenting ourselves before Thy adorable face to entreat Thee for the graces of which we have need, we beseech Thee above all things so to order the interior dispositions of our hearts that we may never refuse Thee aught that Thou Thyself askest of us every day through Thy holy commandments and by Thy divine inspiration. Amen.

Be merciful to us, O my God; do not reject our prayers when, in the midst of our afflictions, we call upon Thy holy name and seek with love and confidence Thy adorable face. Amen.

We thank Thee, O Lord, for all Thy benefits, and we entreat Thee to engrave in our hearts feelings of love and gratitude, putting upon our lips songs of thanksgiving to Thy eternal praise. Amen.

May I expire panting with the burning thirst to see the desirable face of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Novena to Jesus Crucified.

PRAYER.

JESUS CHRIST crucified! Son of the most holy Virgin Mary, incline Thy sacred head and listen to my prayers and sighs, as Thou didst listen to Thy eternal Father from Mount Thabor.

Hail Mary, etc.

Jesus Christ crucified! Son of the most holy Virgin Mary, open Thy sacred eyes and look on me, as Thou didst look on Thy afflicted Mother from the cross.

Hail Mary, etc.

Jesus Christ crucified! Son of the most holy Virgin Mary, open Thy sacred lips and speak to my sad heart.

as Thou didst to St. John when recommending to him Thy blessed Mother.

Hail Mary, etc.

Jesus Christ crucified! Son of the holy Virgin Mary, open Thy sacred heart, that seat of love and mercy; receive mine into it; make it wholly Thine; hear my prayers and mercifully grant my petitions.

Hail Mary, etc.

O eternal Father! look down on me, for whom Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, was delivered up to the death of the cross; and as He did not refuse to die for my salvation, do not Thou refuse, O heavenly Father, to grant me pardon and eternal life through the merits of Thy Son, Jesus, on the cross. Amen, sweet Jesus. Amen.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.

PRAYER BEFORE A CRUCIFIX.

LOOK down upon me, good and gentle Jesus, while before Thy

face I humbly kneel, and with burning soul pray and beseech Thee to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity, true contrition for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment; the while I contemplate with great love and tender pity Thy five wounds, pondering over them within me, whilst I call to mind the words which David, Thy prophet, said of Thee, my Jesus: "They have pierced My hands and My feet; they have numbered all My bones."

Say five times the *Our Father* and *Hail Mary* and *Glory* for the Catholic Church and the intentions of the Holy Father.

(Plenary Indulgence applicable to dead, if above prayers are said after Communion.)

AT THE SIGHT OF A CRUCIFIX.

To what excess, O my Saviour! hast Thou loved me. O Jesus! crucified for my salvation, save me.

Novena to the Holy Ghost.

(For the Feast of Pentecost.)

INSTRUCTION.

FAITH teaches us that we cannot of our own power do a single action of a supernatural value without the help

of the Holy Ghost. We are rational beings, indeed, but we have lost the friendship of God, and though this intimacy has been re-established, we must have the grace and inspiration of the Holy Spirit before we can do anything which will be meritorious to eternal life. We should, therefore, have a devotion to the Holy Ghost and ask Him in our frequent prayers to enlighten our mind, to fill our heart with a great love of God, and to direct our steps in the path of innocence and purity.

What a glorious being a Christian endowed with the seven gifts of the Holy Ghost is! how full is his soul of the intelligence of heavenly things! Samuel, the youthful prophet, was full of this spirit when he cried out: "Speak, Lord, Thy servant heareth." He does not know much of the sciences that worldlings pride themselves in, but he knows how to love God and to make himself agreeable to all about him His worship comes from the heart. He honors God by faithfully doing His holy will.

THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY GHOST.

1. Wisdom is the first gift, and infuses into our hearts the other gifts of the Holy Spirit; according to the words of the Sacred Scriptures, "All good things have come to me by wisdom."

Solomon asked it of God in preference to all other gifts. Wisdom surpasses all riches, and whatsoever a man has a desire for in this world to give him pleasure is not to be compared to it; its ways are bountiful; it is the tree of life to him who possesses it.

2. Understanding is the second gift, and enlightens our mind in regard to the truths of our holy religion. Faith grows by means of the intelligence, and becomes strong and well founded on reason; the beautiful truths and maxims of the Scriptures are well understood, and the words become true, spoken in them, that God has hid His marvels from the wise of this world and revealed them to the little ones.

3. Counsel guides our life. Wise men have always maintained the axiom not to do anything without taking counsel. Joas of old was faithful to God and to the practice of virtue as long as he listened to the advice of Joiada. The counsels we receive from the Holy Ghost are the ones inculcated by the divine wisdom herself.

4. Fortitude makes us strong in God. That same Spirit that inspires us with good resolutions gives us at the same time strength and courage to put them into execution. This virtue made the martyrs and confessors so courageous to profess the faith of Christ. This interior determination makes us triumph over all the obstacles that continually

present themselves in the path of our salvation, and makes us suffer with resignation all the trials of life.

5. Knowledge. The Holy Ghost teaches us all those things which are useful for us to know—the way of our salvation without which all human science is vain. What a difference is there between one that is only the disciple of men and one that is the disciple of that Holy Spirit that speaks to the heart. By means of this sacred knowledge the soul knows the best means to arrive at its last end, which is God.

6. Piety makes us love God and gives us the grace to feel an attraction for everything that has reference to the service of God; by it we gladly study God, to know Him the better and to practise the precepts of His divine law and feel the truth of the words: "One day in Thy temple, O Lord, is more delicious than thousands in the service of the world."

7. The fear of the Lord, the seventh gift and virtue of the Holy Ghost, is the beginning of wisdom. It inspires the mind with a deep respect mingled with a great love for God; it places before our mind on the one side the strict justice with which He judges our lives, and on the other the mercy which He shows for His children.

Our Holy Father Leo XIII., under date of May 9, 1897, has directed that

in every parish throughout the world a special novena be celebrated every year in honor of the Holy Ghost, in preparation for the feast of Pentecost. The prayers to be recited are the Veni Creator (p. 145), with the Litany of the Saints (p. 546), or the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin. To all who devoutly recite these prayers, whether in the church or at home, he grants an indulgence of seven years and seven quarantines for each day of the novena, and a plenary indulgence any one day of the novena, on the usual conditions. The same indulgences may be gained any day of the week between Pentecost and Trinity Sunday.

ACT OF OBLATION TO THE HOLY GHOST.

On my knees before the great cloud of witnesses, I offer myself, soul and body, to Thee, eternal Spirit of God. I adore the brightness of Thy purity, the unerring keenness of Thy justice, and the might of Thy love. Thou art the strength and the light of my soul. In Thee I live and move and am. I desire never to grieve Thee by unfaithfulness to grace, and I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against Thee. Make me

faithful in every thought, and grant that I may always listen to Thy voice, watch for Thy light, and follow Thy gracious inspirations. I cling to Thee, and give myself to Thee, and ask Thee, by Thy compassion, to watch over me in my weakness. Holding the pierced feet of Jesus, and looking at His five wounds, and trusting to His precious blood, and adoring His open side and stricken heart, I implore Thee, adorable Spirit, Helper of my infirmity, so to keep me in Thy grace that I may never sin against Thee with the sin which Thou canst not forgive. Give me grace, O Holy Ghost, Spirit of the Father and the Son, to say to Thee, always and everywhere, "Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth."

O Spirit of Wisdom, preside over all my thoughts, words, and actions from this hour till the moment of my death.

Spirit of Understanding, enlighten and teach me.

Spirit of Counsel, direct my inexperience.

Spirit of Knowledge, instruct my ignorance.

Spirit of Piety, make me fervent in good works.

Spirit of Fear, restrain me from evil.

Spirit of Peace, give me Thy peace.

Heavenly Spirit, make me persevere in the service of God, and enable me to act on all occasions with goodness and benignity, patience, charity, joy, longanimity, mildness, and fidelity. Let the heavenly virtues of modesty, continency, and chastity adorn the temple Thou hast chosen for Thy abode. O Spirit of Holiness, by Thy all-powerful grace preserve my soul from the misfortune of sin. Amen.

Seven days' indulgence for seven Glorias in honor of the Holy Ghost to obtain His seven gifts, for the diffusion of the faith, and intentions of our Holy Father the Pope.

OFFICE OF THE HOLY GHOST.

AT MATINS.

V. THE grace of the Holy Ghost illuminate our senses and hearts.

R. Amen.

V. O Lord, open Thou my lips.

R. And my mouth shall declare Thy praise.

V. Incline unto my aid, O God.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

V. Glory be to the Father, etc.

R. Amen.

Hymn.

THE Holy Ghost our souls invest
With grace that does o'ershade the best
Of virgin maids when from the spheres
An angel came to greet her ears.
The Word Divine did flesh become
And fruitful made a virgin womb.

Ant. Come, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of Thy faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of Thy love.

V. Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created.

R. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Prayer.

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, that the virtue of Thy Spirit may be

present with us, which may both purify our hearts and defend us from all adversities. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who with Thee and the same Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth. Amen.

AT PRIME.

V. The grace of, etc., *as before.*

Hymn.

CHRIST, born of Mary, that blest maid,
Was crucified, was dead, was laid
Within a tomb, from whence He rose
And did His person soon disclose
To His disciples, in whose sight
He soared above the starry height.

Anthem, verse, response, and prayer, *as before.*

AT TIERCE.

V. The grace of, etc., *as before.*

Hymn.

GOD sent from heaven the Holy Ghost
Upon the day of Pentecost.
He did the apostles' minds inspire,
Inflaming them with tongues of fire;

He would not have them orphans left
When of the sight of Christ bereft.

Anthem, verse, response, and prayer, *as before*.

AT SEXT.

V. The grace of, etc., *as before*.

Hymn.

WITH sevenfold grace God did enrich
The apostles, then by means of which
They did both speak and understand
The language of each distant land;
To preach Christ's faith they then disperse
Themselves throughout the universe.

Anthem, verse, response, and prayer, *as before*.

AT NONES.

V. The grace of, etc., *as before*.

Hymn.

THE consoling spirit, He
Entitled was true charity;
The gift of God, a fire inflamed,
The vivifying fountain named;

A spiritual unction, sevenfold grace,
A free gift of celestial race.

Anthem, verse, response, and prayer, *as before.*

AT VESPERS.

V. The grace of, etc., *as before.*

Hymn.

THE right-hand finger of Our Lord,
His spiritual power to us afford
A safe defence against all evil,
That harmed we be not by the devil.
Protect us, nourish us, and bring
Us under shelter of Thy wing.

Anthem, verse, response, and prayer, *as before.*

AT COMPLINE.

V. The grace of, etc., *as before.*

Hymn.

VOUCHSAFE, O holy Paraclete,
To pour into our souls Thy light
And to direct us in our ways,
That when to judgment God shall raise

The sleeping world He bid us stand
Upon His right and saving hand.

Anthem, verse, response, and prayer, *as before.*

V. Convert us, O God, our Saviour.

R. And avert Thy anger from us.

V. Incline unto my aid, O God.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

COMMENDATION.

THESE hours canonical to Thee,
O Holy Ghost, addressèd be,
With piously devoted hearts,
That to our souls Thou mayest impart
Thy inspirations, and that we
May live in heaven eternally. Amen

VENI CREATOR.

COME, Holy Ghost, Creator, come
From Thy bright heavenly throne;
Come, take possession of our souls
And make them all Thine own.

Thou Who art called the Paraclete,
Best gift of God above,
The living spring, the living fire,
Sweet unction, and true love;

Thou Who art sevenfold in Thy grace,
Finger of God's right hand;
His promise, teaching little ones
To speak and understand.

Oh! guide our minds with Thy best light,
With love our hearts inflame;
And with Thy strength, which ne'er decays,
Confirm our mortal frame.

Far from us drive our hellish foe,
True peace unto us bring;
And through all perils lead us safe
Beneath Thy sacred wing.

Through Thee may we the Father know,
Through Thee th' eternal Son,
And Thee, the Spirit of them both
Thrice-blessed Three in One.

All glory to the Father be,
With His coequal Son,
The like to Thee, great Paraclete,
While endless ages run. Amen.

To all who, once or oftener in the day, with contrite heart and devotion, shall say the above hymn the following indulgences are granted: A plenary indulgence once a month on the usual conditions. An indulgence of 300 days on Whitsunday and during its octave. An indulgence of 100 days on all other days of the year.—Pius VI., May 26, 1796.

ACT OF ADORATION.

I ADORE Thee, eternal Spirit of God, filling souls with light and love and strength, leading them on to perfection; giving them grace to have their lives always hidden with Christ in God.

Novena to Almighty God.

ACT OF FAITH.

I MOST firmly believe, because God, Who is the infallible Truth, hath so revealed to the holy Catholic Church, and through the Church to us, that there is one only God in three divine persons, equal and distinct, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; that the Son became man by taking to Himself flesh and a human soul through the operation of the Holy Ghost in the womb of the most pure Virgin Mary; that He died for us upon the cross, rose again, ascended into heaven, and from thence shall come again, at the end of the world, to judge all the living and the dead, to give paradise forever to the good and hell to the wicked; moreover, for the same motive I believe all that the same holy Church believes and teaches.

ACT OF HOPE.

O MY God, because Thou art almighty, infinitely good and merciful, I hope that, by the merits

of the passion and death of Jesus Christ, Our Saviour, Thou wilt grant me eternal life, which Thou, most faithful, hast promised to all those who shall do the works of a good Christian, as I purpose to do by Thy holy help.

ACT OF CHARITY.

O my God, because Thou art the highest and most perfect good, I love Thee with my whole heart and above all things; and rather than offend Thee I am ready to lose all things else; and for Thy love I love and desire to love my neighbor as myself.

Indulgence of seven years and seven quarantines every time. Plenary indulgence once a month for daily recitation, and at the hour of death.—Benedict XIV., Jan. 28, 1756.

For making a novena or triduum an indulgence of seven years and seven quarantines on every day, plenary indulgence at the close of the novena, usual conditions.—Pius IX., Aug. 8, 1847.

Part 2.—The Blessed Virgin.

Novena in Honor of the Blessed Virgin.

PRAYER.

HOLY Mary, immaculate Mother of God! the most pure and holy of all creatures, in union with all the saints in heaven and the just on earth and with the most heartfelt ardor, I consecrate my heart to thee, and implore of thee to receive my homage of respect, love, and confidence. I come to thee, O refuge of sinners, in my present distress, and implore of thee to exert in my behalf the full measure of thy influence in heaven. Present my earnest petition to God and obtain for me [*here name your request*]. Protect me, O sacred and immaculate Mother of God, watch over me, pray for me, love me, now and forever. Amen.

Novena for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

(Feast, December 8th. Novena begins November 29th and ends December 7th.)

AT THE BEGINNING OF THE NOVENA.

COME, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and kindle in them the fire of Thy love.

V. Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created.

R. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let us Pray.

O GOD, Who hast taught the hearts of Thy faithful people by the light of Thy Holy Spirit, grant us, in the same Spirit, to relish what is right and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort. Through Christ Our Lord.

R. Amen.

PREPARATORY PRAYER FOR EVERY DAY OF THE NOVENA.

VIRGIN most pure, conceived without sin, from the first mo-

ment of thy conception fair and stainless; glorious Mary, full of grace, Mother of my God, Queen of angels and of men! I humbly venerate thee as the Mother of my Saviour, Who, though He was God, taught me by His own veneration, reverence, and obedience to thee the honor and homage that I owe thee. Vouchsafe, I pray thee, to accept the novena which I dedicate to thee. Thou art the safe refuge of the penitent sinner; fit, then, it is that I should have recourse to thee. Thou art the Mother of mercy; will not, then, my miseries so manifold move thee to compassion? Mary, my sole hope after Jesus, thou canst not but accept the loving trust which I have in thee; make me worthy to be called thy son, that with confidence I may cry to thee: Show thyself a mother.

Say the Hail Mary nine times and the Glory be to the Father once, then the prayer for the day.

First Day.

Lo, at thy sacred feet I bow, Virgin immaculate, the while

my heart overflows with joy in union with thy own, because from eternity thou wast the Mother-elect of the Eternal Word and wast preserved stainless from the taint of Adam's sin. Forever praised, forever blessed be the Most Holy Trinity, Who in thy conception poured out upon thy soul the riches of that matchless privilege. I humbly pray thee, gracious Mother, obtain for me the grace to overcome the bitter results of original sin. Ah, yes! make me victorious over them, that I may never cease to love my God.

Then say the Litany of the Blessed Virgin or else:

V. All fair art thou, O Mary!
R. All fair art thou, O Mary!
V. The original stain is not in thee.
R. The original stain is not in thee.
V. Thou art the glory of Jerusalem.
R. Thou art the joy of Israel.
V. Thou art the honor of our people.

R. Thou art the advocate of sinners.

V. O Mary!

R. O Mary!

V. Virgin most prudent.

R. Mother most tender.

V. Pray for us.

R. Intercede for us with Our Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Litany or the above hymn say as follows:

V. In thy conception, Virgin, thou wast immaculate.

R. Pray for us to the Father, Whose Son was born of thee.

Let us Pray.

O God, Who through the immaculate conception of the Virgin didst prepare a worthy dwelling-place for Thy divine Son, grant that as in view of the death of that Son Thou didst preserve her from all taints, so Thou would vouchsafe unto us that, cleansed from all sin by her intercession, we too may arrive at Thine eternal glory.

O God, the Pastor and Ruler of all the faithful, graciously look upon

Thy servant, [N.], whom Thou hast set over Thy holy Church; grant him, we beseech Thee, by word and example so to direct those over whom Thou hast placed him that, together with the flock thou hast entrusted to his care, he may attain eternal life.

O God, our refuge and strength, Who art the source of all piety, hearken to the pious prayers of Thy Church and grant that what we ask in faith we may in deed obtain. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

The same order is to be observed on all the other days of the novena, only the prayer for the day being changed.

Second Day.

Mary, unsullied lily of heavenly purity, I rejoice with thee because from thy conception's earliest dawn thou wast full of grace and endowed with the perfect use of reason. I thank and I ever adore the Ever-Blessed Trinity, Who gave thee these high gifts. I am overwhelmed with shame in thy presence to see myself so poor in grace. O thou who wast

filled with heavenly grace, impart some portion of it to my soul, and make me share the treasures of thy immaculate conception.

Litany, etc., *as on first day.*

Third Day.

Mary, thou mystical rose of purity, my heart rejoices with thine at the glorious triumph which thou didst gain over the infernal serpent by thy immaculate conception, and because thou wast conceived without stain of original sin. I thank and praise with my whole heart the Ever-Blessed Trinity, Who granted thee this glorious privilege, and I pray thee to obtain for me strength to overcome all the wiles of the infernal foe and never to stain my soul with sin. Be thou mine, and make me, by thy protection, victorious over the common foe of our eternal welfare.

Litany, etc.

Fourth Day.

Mirror of holy purity, Mary, Virgin immaculate, great is my joy while I consider that from the

immaculate conception the most sublime and perfect virtues were infused into thy soul, and with them all the gifts of the Holy Ghost. I thank and praise the Most Holy Trinity, Who bestowed on thee these high privileges. I pray thee, gentle Mother, obtain for me grace to practise virtue, and so make me worthy to become partaker of the gifts and graces of the Holy Ghost.

Litany, etc.

Fifth Day.

Mary, bright moon of purity, I rejoice with thee because the mystery of thy immaculate conception was the beginning of salvation for the race of man and the joy of the whole world. I thank and bless the Ever-Blessed Trinity, Who thus did magnify and glorify thee; and I beg of thee to obtain for me the grace so to profit by thy dear Son's death and passion that His precious blood may not have been shed in vain for me upon the cross, but that, after a holy life, I may reach heaven in safety.

Litany, etc.

Sixth Day.

MARY immaculate, most brilliant star of purity, I rejoice with thee because thy immaculate conception has bestowed upon the angels in paradise the greatest joy. I thank and bless the Ever-Blessed Trinity, Who enriched thee with this high privilege. Oh! let me, too, one day enter into this heavenly joy in the company of angels, that I may praise and bless thee, world without end.

Litany, etc.

Seventh Day.

MARY immaculate, rising morn of purity, I rejoice with thee, gazing in wonder upon thy soul confirmed in grace from the very first moment of thy conception and rendered inaccessible to sin. I thank and magnify the Ever-Blessed Trinity, Who chose thee from all our race for this special privilege. Holy Virgin, obtain for me utter and constant hatred of all sin above every other evil, and let me rather die than ever again fall into sin.

Litany, etc.

Eighth Day.

O spotless sun, O Virgin Mary! I congratulate thee. I rejoice with thee because in thy conception God gave thee grace greater and more boundless than He ever shed on all His angels and all the saints, together with all their merits. I thank and marvel at the surpassing beneficence of the Ever-Blessed Trinity, Who conferred on thee this privilege. Oh! make me to correspond with the grace of God and never abuse it. Change this heart of mine; make me now begin to amend my life.

Litany, etc.

Ninth Day.

O living light of holiness, model of purity, Mary, immaculate Virgin and Mother! as soon as thou wast conceived thou didst profoundly adore thy God, giving Him thanks that in thee the ancient curse was revoked, and blessing came again upon the sinful sons of Adam. Oh! make this blessing kindle in my heart love for God, and do thou fan this flame of

love within me, that I may love Him constantly, and one day in heaven eternally enjoy Him, there to thank Him more and more fervently for all the wondrous privileges conferred on thee, and to rejoice with thee for thy high crown of glory.

Litany, etc.

For making the above novena an indulgence of 300 days every day, and a plenary indulgence during the feast or on any day of its octave.—Pius VII., Aug. 4, Nov. 24, 1808; Jan. 11, 1809.

PRAYER TO THE MOST BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

HOLY Mary, by thy immaculate conception purify my body, my heart, and my soul, in the name of the Father, Whose daughter thou art; in the name of the Son, Whose mother thou art; in the name of the Holy Ghost, Whose bride thou art; in the name of the Most Holy Trinity, whose chosen temple thou wert and wilt ever be.

O sorrowful Mother, to thy holy heart I commend myself; have pity on me and on all poor sinners.

O Mother of mercy, I hope thou wilt come to my aid in the last struggle, that by thy motherly intercession I may be victorious over all my enemies. My soul and my body, my life and my death into thy hands I commend, O Mary.

LITTLE CHAPLET OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

IN the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Blessed be the holy and immaculate conception of the most blessed Virgin Mary.

Our Father, *once*. Hail Mary, *four times*. Glory be to the Father, *once*.

Repeat the above three times.

Indulgence of 300 days every time. A plenary indulgence once a month to all who shall have said this chaplet every day for a month on the day when, being truly penitent, they shall go to confession and communion.—Pius IX., June 22, 1855.

PRAYER TO OBTAIN PURITY.

Hail Mary, etc.

O my Queen, my Mother! I give myself entirely to thee, and to

show my devotion to thee I consecrate to thee this day my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, my whole being, without reserve. Wherefore, good Mother, as I am thine own, keep me, guard me as thy property and possession.

Indulgence of 100 days once a day. A plenary indulgence once a month to all those who have said this prayer daily for a month.—Pius IX., Aug. 5, 1851.

AN ACT OF FAITH IN THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

HOLY Mary, Mother of God, I firmly believe in thy immaculate conception; I bless God for having granted thee this glorious privilege; I thank Him a thousand times for having taught it to me by the infallible voice of the Church. Receive my heart, O immaculate Virgin! I give it up to thee without reserve; purify it, guard it, never give it back to me. Preserve it in thy love and in the love of Jesus during time and eternity.

Novena for the Feast of Our Lady's Nativity.

(Feast, Sept. 8th. Novena begins Aug. 30th and ends Sept. 7th)

NINE GREETINGS TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

Come, Holy Ghost, etc., *as on page* 151.

MOST holy Mary, chosen and predestined from all eternity by the Most Holy Trinity to be the Mother of the only-begotten Son of the eternal Father, foretold by the prophets, longed for by the patriarchs, desired by all nations, sanctuary and living temple of the Holy Ghost, sun without blemish, because conceived free from original sin, mistress of heaven and of earth, queen of angels, humbly prostrate at thy feet we give thee our homage, rejoicing that the year has brought round again the memory of thy sweet nativity. With all our hearts we pray thee to vouchsafe in thy goodness to come down again and be born in spirit in our souls, that, led captive by thy loveliness and sweet

ness, they may ever live united to thy most sweet and loving heart.

Now, with nine distinct greetings, we shall go back in thought to the nine months thou didst pass within the cloister of thy mother's womb, and say devoutly:

1. We hail thee, Mary, who, sprung from the royal line of David, didst come forth from the light of heaven with high honor from the womb of holy Anne, thy most happy mother.

Hail Mary, etc.

2. We hail thee, heavenly babe, white dove of purity, who, despite the infernal serpent, wast conceived free from the taint of Adam's sin.

Hail Mary, etc.

3. We hail thee, brightest morn, forerunner of the heavenly Sun of justice, Who didst first bring light to earth.

Hail Mary, etc.

4. We hail thee, O chosen one! who, like the untarnished sun, didst burst forth into being in the dark night of sin.

Hail Mary, etc.

5. We hail thee, beauteous moon, who didst shed light upon a world wrapped in the thickest darkness of idolatry.

Hail Mary, etc.

6. We hail thee, strong infant, who, in thyself a host, alone didst put to flight all hell.

Hail Mary, etc.

7. We hail thee, fair soul of Mary, who from all eternity wast God's and God's alone.

Hail Mary, etc.

8. We hail thee, dear child, and we humbly worship thy most holy infant body; we venerate the sacred swaddling-clothes wherewith they bound thee, the sacred cradle wherein they laid thee, and we bless the hour and the moment when thou wast born.

Hail Mary, etc.

9. We hail thee, beloved child, adorned with every virtue, immeasurably above all the saints, and, therefore, worthy Mother of the Saviour of the world; who, made fruitful by the Holy Ghost, didst bring forth the Incarnate Word.

Hail Mary, etc.

PRAYER.

MOST lovely child, who by thy birth hast comforted the world, made glad the heavens, struck terror into hell, brought help to the fallen, consolation to the sad, health to the sick, joy to all, we pray thee, with all fervent love, be thou born again in spirit in our souls through thy most holy love; renew our fervor in thy service, rekindle in our hearts the fire of thy love, and bid all virtues blossom there which may cause us to find more and more favor in thy gracious eyes. Mary! be thou Mary to us, and may we feel the saving power of thy sweetest name; let it ever be our comfort to call on that great name in all our troubles; let it be our hope in dangers, our shield in temptation, and in death our last murmur.

May the name of Mary be honey in our mouths, melody in our ears, ecstasy in our hearts. Amen.

Then say the Litany, and afterward

V. Thy nativity, O Virgin Mother of God!

R. Hath brought joy to a whole world.

Let us Pray.

GRANT to us, Thy servants, we beseech Thee, Lord, the gift of heavenly grace, that to those for whom the delivery of the Blessed Virgin was the commencement of salvation the votive festival of her nativity may give increasing peace. Amen.

For making the above novena an indulgence of 300 days each time, and a plenary indulgence on the feast itself or on any day of its octave.—Pius VII., Aug. 4 and Nov. 24, 1808; Jan. 11, 1809.

Novena for the Feast of the Annunciation.

(Feast, March 25th. Novena begins March 16th and ends March 24th.)

NINE SALUTATIONS.

Come, Holy Ghost, etc., *as on page* 151.

1. WITH wonder I revere thee, holiest Virgin Mary, for of all God's creatures thou wast humblest on the very day of thy

annunciation, when God Himself exalted thee to the sublime dignity of His own Mother. O mightiest Virgin, make me, wretched sinner that I am, know the depths of my own nothingness, and make me humble myself at last, with all my heart, beneath the feet of all men.

Hail Mary, etc.

2. O Mary, holiest Virgin, who, when the Archangel Gabriel hailed thee in thy annunciation, and thou wast raised by God above all choirs of the angels, didst confess thyself the handmaid of the Lord,—"*Ecce ancilla Domini*—Behold the handmaid of the Lord,"—do thou obtain for me true humility and a truly angelic purity, and so to live on earth as ever to be worthy of the blessings of God.

Hail Mary, etc.

3. With thee I rejoice, O Virgin ever blest! because by a simple *fiat*, uttered by thee so humbly, thou didst draw down from the bosom of the eternal Father the Divine Word into thine own pure bosom. Oh! draw, then, ever my heart to God; and with God bring grace into my

heart, that I may ever sincerely bless thy *fiat*, and with devotion cry: O almighty *fiat!* O *fiat* efficacious! O *fiat* to be venerated above all *fiats!*

Hail Mary, etc.

4. Mary, mighty Virgin, thou who on the day of thy annunciation wast found by the Archangel Gabriel so prompt and ready to do God's will, and to correspond with the desires of the august Trinity, Who wished for thy consent in order to redeem the world, obtain for me that whatever happens, good or ill, I may turn to my God and with resignation say: "*Fiat, fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum*—Be it done to me according to Thy word."

Hail Mary, etc.

5. I see that thy obedience, Mary most holy, united thee so closely to God, that all creation never shall know again union so fair and perfect: "*Magis Deo conjungi, nisi fieret Deus non potuit*—She could not have been more united to God except by being God herself." I am overwhelmed with confusion in seeing how my sins have separated me from God.

Help me, then, gentle Mother, to repent sincerely of my sins, that I may be reunited to thy loving Jesus.

Hail Mary, etc.

6. Holiest Mary, if, through thy modesty, thou wert troubled at the appearance of the Archangel Gabriel in thy dwelling, I am terrified at the sight of my monstrous pride. By thy incomparable humility, which brought forth God for men, reopened paradise, and let the captive souls go free from hell beneath (*quae Deum hominibus peperit paradisum aperuit et animas ab inferno liberavit*), draw me, I pray thee, out of the deep pit wherein my sins have cast me, and make me save my soul.

Hail Mary, etc.

7. Though my tongue is unhallowed, yet, purest Virgin, I presume to hail thee every hour of the day: "*Ave, ave, Maria, gratia plena*—Hail, hail, Mary, full of grace." From my heart I pray thee pour into my soul a little of that mighty grace wherewith the Holy Spirit overshadowed thee, filled thee to the full

Hail Mary, etc.

8. I believe, holiest Mary, that the almighty God, Who was ever with thee from thy conception ("*Dominus tecum*—The Lord is with thee"), is, by His incarnation in thy purest womb, still more closely united to thee: make it thy care, I pray thee, that I may be with that same dear Lord Jesus, ever one, heart and soul, by means of sanctifying grace.

Hail Mary, etc.

9. O holiest Mary! bless me, my heart and soul, as thou thyself wast ever blessed of God among all women (*benedicta tu in mulieribus*); for I have this sure hope, that if, dear Mother, thou bless me while I live, then when I die I shall be blessed of God in the everlasting glory of heaven.

Then say the Litany, and afterward:

V. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,

R. And she conceived of the Holy Ghost.

Let us Pray.

O God, Who, by the message of an angel, didst will that Thy divine

Word should take flesh from the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary! grant unto us, Thy suppliants, that we, who believe her to be truly the Mother of God, may be helped by her intercession with Thee. Amen.

For making the above novena an indulgence of 300 days every day, and a plenary indulgence on the feast itself or on any day in its octave.—Pius VII., Aug. 4, Nov. 24, 1808; Jan. 11, 1809.

Novena for the Feast of the Purification.

(Feast, Feb. 2d. Novena begins Jan. 24th and ends Feb. 1st.)

PRAYERS.

Come, Holy Ghost, etc., *as on page* 151.

1. BRIGHT mirror of all virtues, holiest Mary, forty days had scarcely elapsed from thy delivery when thou, though the purest of all virgins, didst will, according to the law, to be presented in the Temple to be purified: grant that we, like thee, may keep our hearts unstained by sin, that so we, too, may be made worthy to be presented to

our God in the temple of His glory.

Hail Mary, etc.

2. Virgin most obedient, at thy presentation in the Temple thou didst will, like other women, to offer the wonted sacrifice: obtain for us that we, too, following thy example, may learn how to offer ourselves a living sacrifice to God by practising every virtue.

Hail Mary, etc.

3. Virgin most pure, in observing the precept of the law thou didst care little that men should account thee unclean: ask for us grace to keep our hearts forever pure, however blamable the world may think us.

Hail Mary, etc.

4. Virgin most holy, in offering thy divine Son to His eternal Father, thou didst gladden all the court of heaven: present our poor hearts to God, that He, by His grace, may keep them ever free from mortal sin.

Hail Mary, etc.

5. Virgin most humble, in placing Jesus in holy old Simeon's arms thou didst fill his soul with heavenly joy: give our hearts into God's holy

keeping, that He may fill them with His Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, etc.

6. Virgin most zealous, by redeeming thy Son, Jesus, according to the law, thou didst co-operate in the salvation of the world: ransom now our poor hearts from the slavery of sin, that so they may be ever pure before the face of God.

Hail Mary, etc.

7. Virgin most meek, on hearing the prophecy of Simeon foretelling thy woes, thou didst promptly bow to the good pleasure of God: enable us also to bear all troubles with patience and resignation to His divine will.

Hail Mary, etc.

8. Virgin most compassionate, when through thy divine Son thou didst fill the soul of Anna the prophetess with light, thou didst make her magnify the mercies of God by recognizing Jesus as the Redeemer of the world: enrich our souls with heavenly grace, that we may largely share the fruit of the divine redemption.

Hail Mary, etc.

9. Virgin most resigned, who didst feel thy soul transfixed with sorrow when in spirit thou didst foresee all the bitter passion of thy Son, and knowing the grief of Joseph, thy spouse, for all thy sufferings, didst with holy words console him: pierce through and through our souls with true sorrow for our sins, that we may one day have the consolation to be made partakers of thy glory in heaven.

Hail Mary, etc.

Then say the Litany, and afterward

V. Simeon received an answer from the Holy Spirit.

R. That he should not see death until he had seen the Christ of the Lord.

Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY, everlasting God, we pray Thy majesty that, as Thy only-begotten Son was presented in the Temple in the substance of our flesh, so Thou wouldst enable us to present ourselves before Thee with clean hearts. Amen.

For making the above novena an indulgence of 300 days each time, and a plenary indulgence on the feast itself or on any day of its octave.—Pius VII., Aug. 4 and Nov. 24, 1808; Jan. 11, 1809.

Novena for the Feast of the Visitation.

(Feast, July 2d. Novena begins June 23d and ends July 1st.)

PRAYER.

O HOLY Virgin, spotless mirror of humility, great was thy charity which moved thee to visit thy holy cousin St. Elizabeth, and exceeding thy joy when that venerable matron, inspired by the Holy Ghost, exclaimed on seeing thee: "Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. And whence is this to me that the Mother of my Lord should come to me?" O dear Mother, I beseech thee, by this thy joy, to obtain for me the favors I petition in this novena [*name them*], and grant that our hearts may be visited by thy divine Son, so that, being free from all sin, we may praise Him and give Him thanks forever. Amen.

Nine Hail Marys, or the Magnificat.

Novena for the Feast of the Assumption.

(Feast, Aug. 15th. Novena begins Aug. 6th and ends Aug. 14th.)

First Day.

Come, Holy Ghost, etc., *as on page* 151.

O Queen of all the virgin choir,
Enthroned above the starry sky!
Who with pure milk from thy own breast
Thy own Creator didst supply;

What man hath lost in hapless Eve,
Thy sacred womb to man restores;
Thou to the wretched here beneath
Hast opened heaven's eternal doors.

Hail, O refulgent hall of light!
Hail, gate sublime of heaven's high King!
Through thee redeemed to endless life,
Thy praise let all the nations sing.

O Jesu, born of Virgin bright!
Immortal glory be to Thee;
Praise to the Father infinite
And Holy Ghost eternally.

GLORY OF MARY IN DEATH.

She was well prepared to die.

Consider how glorious Mary was at the hour of her death, because in life she was so well prepared to die, by her most ardent longing to see her God and be forever united to her Son, and by the unapproachable merit of her consummate perfection. Then, considering how different we are from Mary in our preparation for death, we shall thus address her:

HOLIEST Virgin, who, to prepare thyself for a holy death, didst live in ceaseless longing for the vision of thy God, oh! do thou, virgin Mother! take from us the vain desire of the frail things of earth.

Hail Mary, *three times.*

Holiest Virgin, who, to prepare thyself to die holily, didst in life sigh to be united forever to thy Son Jesus, oh! obtain for us fidelity to Jesus even unto death.

Hail Mary, *three times.*

Holiest Virgin, who, to die holily, didst make it thy care to acquire a degree of merit and virtue unapproachable by any other than thyself, oh! intercede for us, that we may know that virtue and the grace of God alone are the road that leads to salvation.

Hail Mary, *three times*.

Now we will raise our voices in praise of Mary, who was so careful in preparing for death; and while we magnify her glory in union with the nine choirs of angels, who made her escort on her assumption into heaven, we shall say with the first choir:

The Litany of the Blessed Virgin, and afterwards:

V. The holy Mother of God is exalted,

R. High above the angel choirs to the heavenly kingdom.

Let us Pray.

WE beseech Thee, Lord, pardon the shortcomings of Thy servants, that we, who by our own works are not able to please Thee, may be saved by the intercession of

the Mother of Thy Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

"God, Who through," etc., *and* "O God, the Pastor, etc. (*page* 154).

Second Day.

Come, Holy Ghost, etc., *as on page* 151; O Queen of all the virgin choir, etc., *as on page* 177.

GLORY OF MARY IN DEATH.

She died in the midst of the apostles and in the presence of her Son Jesus.

Consider how glorious Mary was at the hour of her death, comforted, according to the holy doctors of the Church, not only by the apostles and saints, but also by her Son Jesus; and while we contemplate the unspeakable joy which she experienced in that hour through so extraordinary a favor, let us have recourse to her, saying:

GLORIOUS Virgin, who for thy consolation didst deserve to die in the company of the apostles and saints, oh! may we feel thee nigh when we breathe forth our souls, and may our holy patrons too be there to lend their aid.

Hail Mary, *three times.*

Glorious Virgin, who, at the moment of thy death, wast comforted by the sight of thy dear Son Jesus, oh! pray for us that at that awful moment we too may be comforted by receiving Jesus in the most holy Viaticum.

Hail Mary, *three times.*

Glorious Virgin, who in the arms of Jesus didst give up thy spirit, aid us that we also may give up our souls in the arms of the same dear Lord, with this one desire, that His most holy will may be forever done in us.

Hail Mary, *three times.*

Let us magnify Our Lady's glory, assisted at her death by her Son Jesus and His apostles, joining in jubilee at her triumph with the second choir of the heavenly host, saying:

The Litany, etc.

The holy Mother of God is exalted, etc., *as on page* 179.

Third Day.

Come, Holy Ghost, etc., *as on page* 151; O Queen of all the virgin choir, etc., *as on page* 177.

GLORY OF MARY IN DEATH.

She died in an ecstasy of love.

Consider how glorious Mary was in her death, for she breathed forth her soul in an ecstasy of divine love. Wherefore, with eager longing to gather strength from that all-holy fire of love, let us have recourse to her, saying :

MARY, happiest Virgin, who didst give up thy mortal life through the vehemence of thy love for God : make it thy care that in our hearts, as God doth will, there be lit up this living fire of His love.

Hail Mary, *three times*.

Mary, happiest Virgin, who, dying of pure love for God, didst show what our love for God should be, oh ! pray for us, that we may never leave our God in life or death.

Hail Mary, *three times*.

Mary, happiest Virgin, in leaving this mortal life through an ecstasy of love thou didst make known the fire which ever burned within thy breast, oh ! pray for us, that at least one spark of that same fire may burn in us, giving us true sorrow for our sins.

Hail Mary, *three times*.

With the third choir of the angels let us exalt the ineffable glory of Mary, inflamed with burning love for God, saying:

The Litany, etc.

The holy Mother of God is exalted, etc., *as on page* 179.

Fourth Day.

Come, Holy Ghost, etc., *as on page* 151; O Queen of all the virgin choir, etc., *as on page* 177.

GLORY OF MARY AFTER DEATH.

In her dead body.

Consider how glorious Mary was after her death in her dead body; for from her body, clothed with majesty, most wondrous lustre shone, while it diffused around odors of sanctity breathing the fragrance of paradise, and by its mere presence working innumerable miracles. Then, conscious of our many miseries, let us thus entreat her:

LADY unsullied, who by thy virginal purity didst merit the glory of being so bright and so majestic in thy body after death, oh! obtain for us the strength to

detach ourselves from every foul spirit of impurity.

Hail Mary, *three times*.

Lady unsullied, who through thy rare virtue didst exhale from thy dead body the sweet fragrance of paradise, make it thy care that by our life we may both edify our neighbor and never more by our bad example become a stumbling-block to others.

Hail Mary, *three times*.

Lady unsullied, at the sight of whose sacred body were healed innumerable maladies, may thy prayers heal all our spiritual ills.

Hail Mary, *three times*.

Let us rejoice at the glory given to the dead body of Mary, while with the fourth choir of the angels we exalt her majesty, saying:

The Litany, etc.

The holy Mother of God is exalted, etc., *as on page* 179.

Fifth Day.

Come, Holy Ghost, etc., *as on page* 151; O Queen of all the virgin choir, etc., *as on page* 177.

GLORY OF MARY AFTER DEATH.

In the resurrection of her body.

Consider how glorious Mary was after death, since by the power of the Most High her sacred body, raised to life, acquired in an instant the gifts of brightness, subtlety, agility, and impassibility; and, filled with consolation at the excellence of her surpassing glory, let us thus invoke her:

LADY exalted, who by thy God wast so gloriously raised to life, help us so to live on earth that we, too, like thee, may rise again on the last judgment day.

Hail Mary, *three times.*

Lady exalted, whose risen body was endowed with the gifts of brightness and subtlety, by the bright example and the humility of thy life on earth, oh! take from us all movements of disdain and scorn, that, freed from the trammels of self-love, our souls may be adorned with holy humility.

Hail Mary, *three times.*

Lady exalted, God made thy risen body glorious with the gifts of agility and impassibility, because great was thy spiritual zeal and patience while on earth, oh! obtain for us courage

to mortify with vigor our bodies, and to curb with patience our headstrong passions.

Hail Mary, *three times.*

Let us give to Mary the praise which is due to her and magnify the glory which adorns her risen body, while with the fifth choir of the angels we honor her, saying:

The Litany, etc.

The holy Mother of God is exalted, etc., *as on page* 179.

Sixth Day.

Come, Holy Ghost, etc., *as on page* 151; O Queen of all the virgin choir, etc., *as on page* 177.

GLORY OF MARY AFTER DEATH.

In her assumption into heaven.

Consider how Mary was gloriously taken up to heaven, for she was escorted by legions of the heavenly hosts and by blessed souls delivered by her merits from purgatory; and, joining in the majesty of her triumph, let us with all humility offer to her our supplications:

GREAT Queen, assumed so royally into the kingdom of eternal

peace, oh! take from us all sordid earthly thoughts, and give us grace to fix our hearts firmly on the contemplation of the changeless bliss of heaven.

Hail Mary, *three times.*

Great Queen, who in thy assumption into heaven wast surrounded by the heavenly hosts, obtain for us strength to master Satan's wiles and to lend a docile ear to the good counsels of that blessed Spirit Who directs our path and aids our tottering steps.

Hail Mary, *three times.*

Great Queen, by the glory which thou didst enjoy in thy assumption into heaven from the company of the souls drawn by thy merits out of purgatory, obtain for us that, freed from the slavery of sin, we may deserve to praise thee for all eternity.

Hail Mary, *three times.*

Let us not cease to applaud Mary's royal triumph and the extraordinary glory which she obtained in her solemn assumption into heaven, but with the sixth choir of the angels let us honor her, saying:

The Litany, etc.

The holy Mother of God is exalted, etc., *as on page* 179.

Seventh Day.

Come, Holy Ghost, etc., *as on page* 151; O Queen of all the virgin choir, etc., *as on page* 177.

GLORY OF MARY AFTER DEATH.

In her assumption into heaven.

Consider how glorious Mary is in heaven, where, as Queen of the universe, she is enthroned, and from countless hosts of angels and of saints is ever receiving homage and veneration. Wherefore, bending before her royal throne, we, too, implore her aid:

Sovereign Queen of the universe, who, through thy incomparable merit, art raised to such high glory in heaven, oh! in thy pity, look down on us and on our miseries, and with the gentle sway of thy protection rule over us.

Hail Mary, *three times.*

Sovereign Queen of the universe, who on thy throne art ever receiving worship and homage from all the

heavenly hosts, suffer us, we beseech thee, to address thee, and grant that our invocations may be made with such reverence as befits thy dignity and greatness.

Hail Mary, *three times.*

Sovereign Queen of the universe, by that glory which accrues to thee from thy pre-eminent dignity in Heaven, vouchsafe to take us for thy servants, and obtain for us that we may be quick and ready in the faithful observance of the commands of our God and Lord.

Hail Mary, *three times.*

Let us enter in some way into the joy which angels feel while they praise Mary, and be exceedingly glad, because we know that she is raised to the dignity of Queen of the universe, while with the seventh choir of the angels we say:

The Litany, etc.

The holy Mother of God is exalted, etc., *as on page* 179.

Eighth Day.

Come, Holy Ghost, etc., *as on page* 151; O Queen of all the virgin choir, etc., *as on page* 177.

GLORY OF MARY AFTER DEATH.

From the crown which adorns her brow.

Consider how glorious Mary is in heaven from the royal diadem wherewith her divine Son hath crowned her, and from the vast knowledge which she has of the deep mysteries of God, past, present, and to come; and, full of reverence for the incomparable honors bestowed upon our great Queen, let us have recourse to her, saying:

PEERLESS Queen, who in heaven on high wast crowned with a priceless royal diadem by thy divine Son, make us share thy matchless virtues, that, purified in heart and mind, we may be worthy to wear a crown with thee in paradise.

Hail Mary, *three times.*

Peerless Queen, by that wide knowledge of all things in and on earth granted thee, for thy glory's sake win pardon for our past offences, and never let us anger thee again by forward tongue or wanton thought.

Hail Mary, *three times.*

Peerless Queen, who would see us pure and stainless that we may be

fit to stand before thy God, obtain for us forgiveness of our sins, and help us ever in look and word and deed to please His heavenly majesty.

Hail Mary, *three times.*

Let us purify our hearts to give meet praise to Mary, and to the glory she possesses in that bright crown which decks her royal brow let us add these humble tokens of our love, while with the joy of the eighth choir of the angels saying:

The Litany, etc.

The holy Mother of God is exalted, etc., *as on page* 179.

Ninth Day.

Come, Holy Ghost, etc., *as on page* 151; O Queen of all the virgin choir, etc., *as on page* 177.

GLORY OF MARY AFTER DEATH.

In her patronage of men.

Consider how glorious Mary is in heaven by her patronage of men, and because she is able and most anxious to aid them in their needs. With most lively confidence, because for our patroness we have the very Mother of our God, let us with all our heart beseech her:

MARY, our most powerful patroness, who in heaven dost glory in being the advocate of men, preserve us from our infernal foe, and place us in the arms of Him Who is our God and our Creator.

Hail Mary, *three times.*

Mary, our most powerful patroness, who in heaven art the advocate of men, and dost wish that all men should be saved, grant that none of us despair when we behold our past relapses into sin.

Hail Mary, *three times.*

Mary, our most powerful patroness, whose delight it ever is, in the fulfilment of thine office, to be invoked by men, obtain for us true devotion, and make it thy care that we never fail to call thee to our aid in life and, above all, at the awful moment of our death.

Hail Mary, *three times.*

Let us celebrate with all our heart the glory of Mary, and, full of consolation at the thought that we have in heaven an advocate, let us unite with the ninth choir of the angels in praising her, while we say:

The Litany, etc.

The holy Mother of God is exalted, *as on page* 179.

For making the above novena an indulgence of 300 days every day, and a plenary indulgence on the festival itself or on any day of its octave.—Pius VII., Aug. 4 and Nov. 24, 1808; Jan. 11, 1809.

Novena for the Feast of the Presentation.

(Feast, Nov. 21st. Novena begins Nov. 12th and ends Nov. 20th.)

Recite daily nine times the Hail Mary; then say the following prayer:

O BELOVED Mother of God, most amiable child Mary, thou didst present thyself in the Temple, and with promptitude and without reserve didst consecrate thyself to the glory and love of God; could I but offer thee this day the first years of my life, to devote myself without reserve to thy service, my holy and most sweet Lady! But it is now too late to do this; for, unfortunate creature that I am, I have lost many years in the service of the world and my own caprices, and have lived in almost entire forget-

fulness of thee and of God. "Woe to that time in which I did not love thee!" But it is better to begin late than not at all. Behold, O Mary, I this day present myself to thee, and I offer myself without reserve to thy service for the long or short time that I still have to live in this world; and, in union with thee, I renounce all creatures, and devote myself entirely to the love of my Creator. I consecrate my mind to thee, O Queen! that it may always dwell on the love that thou deservest; my tongue, that it may praise thee; my heart, that it may love thee. Do thou accept, O most holy Virgin! the offering which this miserable sinner now makes thee; accept it, I beseech thee, by the consolation that thy heart experienced when thou didst give thyself to God in the Temple. But, since I enter thy service late, it is reasonable that I should redouble my acts of homage and love, thereby to compensate for lost time. Do thou help my weakness with thy powerful intercession, O Mother of mercy! by obtaining

me perseverance from thy Jesus and strength to be always faithful to thee until death, that, thus always serving thee in life, I may praise thee in paradise for all eternity. Amen.

For making a novena in honor of the presentation of Our Lady in the Temple an indulgence is granted of 300 days each day, and a plenary indulgence during the course of the novena or on one of the eight days immediately following it.—Pius IX., Jan. 5, 1849, and Jan. 28, 1850.

Novena for Festivals of the Blessed Virgin.

SALUTATION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

I SALUTE thee, O ever-blessed Virgin, Mother of God, abyss of grace, miracle of almighty power! I salute thee, O sanctuary of the Most Holy Trinity and Queen of the universe, Mother of mercy and assured refuge of sinners! O ever-faithful Virgin, ever-amiable and admirable Virgin! attracted by thy beauty and sweetness, by the odor of thy sanctity, the plenitude of thy graces, and the abundance of thy mercies, I presume to address

thee, miserable as I am, and beseech thee to obtain for me of thy dear Son the grant of the petitions I present thee in this novena. [*Here specify your requests.*] Obtain for me likewise, O Queen of heaven! the most lively contrition for my multiplied sins, and the grace to imitate faithfully those virtues which were exemplified in thy sacred life, particularly thy profound humility, angelic purity, and perfect obedience. Above all, I beseech thee to be my mother and protectress, to receive me into the number of thine adopted children, and to guide, conduct, and govern me from that high throne of glory to which thou art now exalted. Vouchsafe to hear my sighs and my desires; reject not my petitions, O Mother of mercy! and let it not be said that of all who had recourse to thee I was the first thou didst ever forsake. O most amiable, pure, and immaculate Virgin! have compassion on me, and do not abandon me during life or at the awful moment of my death.

Repeat the following salutation twelve times, and add, Glory be to the Father, etc., to every third repetition.

Hail, daughter of the eternal Father! Hail, Mother of the eternal Son! Hail, spouse of the most Holy Spirit! Hail, temple of the adorable Trinity!

O most tender heart of Mary, asylum of the poor and solid hope of sinners! penetrated with the most lively respect, love, and gratitude, I devote myself irrevocably to thy service, and offer thee my heart with all that I am and all belongs to me.

Accept this offering, august Queen of heaven and earth, and obtain for me of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, the favors I have presumed to demand through thy intercession in this novena, together with a tender, generous, constant love of God, perfect submission to His ever-adorable will, the true spirit of a Christian, and the grace of final perseverance. Amen.

A PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

O THOU most holy Virgin Mary, who dost evermore stand before the throne of the Most Holy Trinity, and to whom it is granted at all times to pray for us to thy most beloved Son, pray for me in all my necessities; help me, combat for me, give thanks for me, and obtain for me the pardon of all my sins. Help me especially at my last hour; and when I can no longer give any sign of the use of reason, then do thou encourage me, make the sign of the cross for me, sprinkle me with holy water, and fight for me against the enemy. Make in my name a profession of faith, favor me with a testimony of my salvation, and never let me despair of the mercy of God. Help me to overcome the wicked enemy; and when I can no longer say, "Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I place my soul in your hands," say it for me; and when I can no longer hear human words of consolation, then do thou comfort me. Leave me not before I have been judged; and

if I have to expiate my sins in purgatory, oh! pray for me intently, earnestly, and admonish my friends to procure for me a speedy enjoyment of the blessed sight of God. Lessen my sufferings, deliver me speedily, and lead my soul into heaven with thee, that, united with all the elect, I may there bless and praise my God and thyself for all eternity. Amen.

Three Hail Marys.

Novena in Honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

(Feast, Sunday after the Octave of the Assumption.)

PRAYER.

HEART of Mary, Mother of God, our mother; heart most amiable, delight of the ever-adorable Trinity, and worthy of all the veneration and tenderness of angels and men; heart most like the heart of Jesus, Whose perfect image thou art; heart full of goodness, ever compassionate towards our miseries! vouchsafe to thaw our icy hearts, and change them to the likeness of the heart of Jesus. Infuse into them the

love of thy virtues; inflame them with that blessed fire with which thou dost ever burn. In thee let the holy Church find safe shelter; be thou its guardian and its ever-sweet asylum, its tower of strength, impregnable against the assaults of its enemies. Be thou the road leading to Jesus; be thou the channel whereby we receive all graces needful for our salvation. Be thou our help in need, our comfort in trouble, our strength in temptation, our refuge in persecution, our aid in danger; but especially in the last struggle of our life, at the moment of our death, when all hell shall be unchained against us to snatch away our souls—in that dread moment, that hour so terrible, on which depends our eternity, ah! then, most tender Virgin, do thou make us feel how great is the sweetness of thy mother's heart, how great thy power with the heart of Jesus, opening to us in the very fount of mercy itself a safe refuge, that so one day we too may join thee in paradise in praising the heart of Jesus forever and ever. Amen.

May the divine heart of Jesus and the immaculate heart of Mary be known, praised, blessed, loved, worshipped, and glorified always and in all places. Amen.

1. Indulgence of 60 days once a day.

2. A plenary indulgence on the feasts of the Nativity, of the Assumption, and of the Immaculate Heart of Mary to all those who shall have said the above prayer every day during the year when, being truly penitent, after confession and communion, they shall visit a church or an altar in any church dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary and pray for the intention of the Sovereign Pontiff.

3. A plenary indulgence at the hour of death to those who during life shall have practised this pious exercise every day.

Litany of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

(For Private Devotion Only.)

Lord have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.
Christ hear us.
Christ graciously hear us.

God, the Father of heaven,
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God the Holy Ghost,
Holy Trinity, one God,
Heart of Mary,
Heart of Mary, according to the Heart of Jesus,
Heart of Mary, united to the Heart of Jesus,
Heart of Mary, organ of the Holy Ghost,
Heart of Mary, sanctuary of the divinity,
Heart of Mary, tabernacle of a God incarnate,
Heart of Mary, always exempt from sin,
Heart of Mary, always full of grace,
Heart of Mary, blessed among all hearts,
Heart of Mary, illustrious throne of glory,
Heart of Mary, abyss and prodigy of humility,
Heart of Mary, glorious holocaust of divine love,

Have mercy on us!

Pray for us!

Heart of Mary, nailed to the cross of Jesus,
Heart of Mary, comfort of the afflicted,
Heart of Mary, refuge of sinners,
Heart of Mary, hope of the agonizing,
Heart of Mary, seat of mercy,
Pray for us!

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Hear us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy on us, O Lord!*

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us Pray.

SWEET Jesus! Who tenderly lovest the most holy of virgins and art reciprocally most tenderly loved by her, grant, we beseech

Thee, through the intercession of Thy most holy Mother and by the resemblance her most holy heart bore to Thine, that we may ever return due love and affection for her care and tenderness in our regard; Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

For making a novena in honor of the immaculate heart of Mary and her patronage an indulgence is granted of 300 days each day, and a plenary indulgence during the course of the novena or on one of the eight days immediately following it.—Pius IX., Jan. 5, 1849.

Novena in Honor of the Sorrowful Heart of Mary.

(Feast of Our Lady of Dolors, Third Sunday in September.)

PRAYER TO THE SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY.

V. INCLINE unto my aid, O God.
R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

1. I compassionate thee, sorrowing Mary, in the grief thy tender

heart underwent when the holy old man Simeon prophesied to thee. Dear Mother, by thy heart then so afflicted, obtain for me the virtue of humility and the gift of the holy fear of God.

Hail Mary, etc.

2. I compassionate thee, sorrowing Mary, for the anxiety which thy most tender heart underwent during thy flight into Egypt and thy sojourn there. Dear Mother, by thy heart then so sorrowful, obtain for me the virtue of liberality, especially towards the poor, and the gift of piety.

Hail Mary, etc.

3. I compassionate thee, sorrowing Mary, for the terrors felt by thy anxious heart when thou didst lose thy dear Son, Jesus. Dear Mother, by thy heart then so agitated, obtain for me the virtue of chastity, and with it the gift of knowledge.

Hail Mary, etc.

4. I compassionate thee, sorrowing Mary, for the shock thy mother's heart experienced when Jesus met thee as He carried His cross. Dear Mother, by that heart of thine then

so afflicted, obtain for me the virtue of patience and the gift of fortitude.

Hail Mary, etc.

5. I compassionate thee, sorrowing Mary, for the martyrdom thy generous heart bore so nobly whilst thou didst stand by Jesus agonizing. Dear Mother, by thy heart then so cruelly martyred, obtain for me the virtue of temperance and the gift of counsel.

Hail Mary, etc.

6. I compassionate thee, sorrowing Mary, for the wound with which thy tender heart was riven when Jesus' sacred side was pierced with a lance. Dear Mother, by thy heart then pierced through, obtain for me the virtue of fraternal charity and the gift of understanding.

Hail Mary, etc.

7. I compassionate thee, sorrowing Mary, for the anguish felt by thy loving heart when Jesus' body was laid in the sepulchre. Dear Mother, by all the bitterness of desolation thou didst then know, obtain for me the virtue of diligence and the gift of wisdom.

V. Pray for us, most sorrowful Virgin.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us Pray.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, that the most blessed Virgin Mary, Thy Mother, may intercede for us before the throne of Thy mercy, now and at the hour of our death, through whose most holy soul, in the hour of Thine own passion, the sword of sorrow passed. Through Thee, Jesus Christ, Saviour of the world, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost forever and ever. Amen.

Indulgence of 300 days every time.—Pius VII., Jan. 14, 1815.

SUPPLICATIONS TO OUR LADY.

TO thee, O most holy Virgin Mary! I turn in supplication, and through that sword which pierced thy heart when thou didst behold thy beloved Son bow down His head and give up His spirit, I pray and implore thee with the

greatest confidence to succor the poor suffering souls in purgatory. O Mother of sorrows! O Queen of martyrs! for the love of Jesus, Who died for us on the cross, do thou with thy powerful prayers give succor also unto us, who are in danger not only of falling into purgatory, but of even losing ourselves forever. O Mary, our dear Mother, Mother of grace, Mother of mercy, have pity on us! Amen.

O eternal Father, through the most precious blood of Jesus and the most bitter dolors of Mary, have mercy on the souls in purgatory! Amen.

PRAYER OF ST. BONAVENTURE.

HAIL, Mary, full of sorrows, the Crucified is with thee; tearful art thou amongst women, and tearful is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of the Crucified, give tears to us, crucifiers of thy Son, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Novena to Our Lady of Sorrows.

(Feast, Third Sunday in September.)

PRAYER TO OUR DESOLATE MOTHER.

O MOST desolate of mothers, what sword most terrible hath penetrated thy soul! Each blow which Jesus received in His passion reached thy heart. Ah! His sorrows depressed thee, especially His last words from the cross, O Mother of grief and love! I come to entreat thy intercession, through thy griefs and sorrows, to obtain for me the intention of this novena. [*Here name your request.*] Remember, O Queen of heaven and earth, that thou art the help of Christians, and refuse not to aid me in my present necessities. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Amen.

ACT OF REPARATION TO THE MOST HOLY VIRGIN.

MOST glorious Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our

Mother, cast a glance of pity upon us, poor sinners, who, afflicted by the many evils which surround us in this life, feel our hearts wounded by the atrocities, injuries, and blasphemies which we are frequently compelled to hear pronounced against thee, immaculate Virgin. Oh, how offensive is such language to the infinite majesty of God and to His only Son, Jesus Christ! how it provokes His wrath, and causes us to fear the terrible effects of His vengeance! If the sacrifice of our life would avail anything to prevent such outrages and blasphemies, gladly would we offer it; for, most holy Mother, we desire to love and honor thee with all our hearts, such being the will of God. Because we do love thee we will do whatever is in our power that thou mayest be loved and honored by all. Do thou meanwhile, Mother full of pity, sovereign consoler of the afflicted, accept this act of reparation which we offer thee in our own names, and in those of all our families, even of such as, not knowing what they say, impiously

blaspheme thee. By obtaining their conversion from God render yet more manifest and glorious thy pity, thy power, and thy great mercy, and they will unite with us in proclaiming thee blessed among women, the immaculate Virgin and the merciful Mother of God. Amen.

Hail Mary, *three times*.

Indulgence of 300 days once a day.—Leo XIII., March 21, 1885.

For making a novena in honor of the dolors of Mary an indulgence is granted of 300 days on each day, and a plenary indulgence during the novena or on one of the days immediately following it.—Pius IX., Jan. 5, 1849.

Novena to Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs.

PRAYER.

O MOST holy and afflicted Virgin, Queen of martyrs! thou who didst stand motionless beneath the cross, witnessing the agony of thy expiring Son: through the sword of grief which pierced thee then, through the unceasing suffering of thy life of sorrow, and the bliss which now more than amply repays thee for thy

past trials, look down with a mother' pity and tenderness on me who kne before thee to venerate thy sacred dolors and to place thy requests with filial confidence in the sanctuary of thy wounded heart. Present, I beseech thee, on my behalf to Jesus Christ the merits of His own most sacred death and passion, together with thy sufferings at the foo of the cross, and through the united efficacy of both obtain the grant of my present petitions.

To whom shall I recur in my wants and miseries if not to thee, O Mother of mercy who, having drunk so deeply of the chalice of thy Son, canst compassionate the woes of those who are still doomed to sigh in this land of exile? Offer for me to my Saviour one drop of the blood which flowed from His sacred veins, one of the tears which trickled from His divine eyes, one of the pangs which rent His adorable heart.

O refuge of sinners and hope of the whole world, do not reject my earnest prayer, but graciously obtain the grant of my requests. Amen.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

(Feast, Sunday before June 24th.)

INSTRUCTION.

THERE is in the church of St. Alphonsus in Rome a curious and well-known picture of the Blessed Virgin; it is very old, as can be seen upon close examination. Its origin is unknown, but it has been venerated in the Eternal City for several centuries. Devout Catholics making pilgrimages to the holy shrine have received many striking graces, so that in course of time it became known far and near. There is hardly a pious household that does not possess a copy of this celebrated picture, so that a devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help has sprung up and is constantly increasing. By this devotion Mary has inspired us with a confidence in her constant willingness to assist us in all our trials and difficulties. Her ears are constantly attentive to our supplications and she adds her own prayers to them to make them more effective. Mary certainly will not herself be the inspirer of this confidence and then not be an efficient helper. When our friends are in trouble, do we not say to them "Why do you not try this or that? Perhaps you will find relief." Mary, the Mother of God, and by that fact our

mother also, says the same to us: "Why do you not address yourself to me? I am always ready to help you and to intercede in your behalf with my divine Son, Jesus Christ." Very many cures and conversions have taken place through the devotion to this picture.

To make this devotion, procure a picture of the Mother of Perpetual Help; make a little altar in your home with candles at the side of the picture and other ornaments about it. At certain times light these candles; go to Mass every morning if possible; at the beginning and conclusion of the devotion go to confession and communion, recite every day the following prayers, the Litany of the Blessed Virgin, and the Rosary; in short, say as many prayers in honor of the Blessed Virgin as your circumstances will permit.

First Day.

WITH confidence I approach this holy picture so favored by thee, that I may obtain the grace necessary for my salvation. This is my very first wish, to be freed from the stain of sin and to return to God, my Father. By what way can I more readily expect to reach my end than through thee, the Mother of His divine Son? My sins are very

great and very numerous, and I do not deserve any hearing, but rather to be spurned from thy presence. Still I will come to thee and visit thee in this thy picture, and will make this nine days' devotion. I can in this way atone a little for my past, and thou wilt certainly look with favor on me when thou seest the sincerity of my heart and my willingness to serve God in the future. This I promise, and am sure that with thy help the obstacles to my conversion will be removed and I will be again a beloved child of God, my Father.

The Litany and the Rosary.

Second Day.

To thee, O Mother, I come, that thou mayst inspire me with great confidence in thy power and willingness to help. I am thy child, because thou hast chosen me; brought up in the Church, I have always been taught to have reverence for the Mother of God. I prayed to thee when my childish mind hardly knew what this devotion meant; but as

years have gone by I have understood better what the Church herself has taught me, to pray fervently, because if it be the will of God my prayer will surely be heard. In all trouble, in pain, and in misfortune of every kind I have looked up to thee, O kind Mother, and felt that the mantle of thy goodness was covering me; what I suffered was my deserts, to bring me to my senses, knowing full well at the same time that many other misfortunes were withheld from me through thy intercession and protection.

Litany and Rosary.

Third Day.

I am thine own child, dear Mother. When thy divine Son died on the cross thou didst adopt all the future members of the Church as thy children, and especially wert thou a tender mother to the poor sinners that caused the death of thy Son. I trust, therefore, that the voice of thy child will be heard by thee, tender Mother. Shall the infant cry, and the mother turn a

deaf ear to its wailings? Thou wilt hasten to my aid with all that is necessary for my relief, for my help. To thee, O Mother, I send up my sighs; assist thy child, so weak that it is not able to help itself. Whatever difficulties I have, there is one to whom I can go and lay before her my necessities; thou understandest my condition better than I do myself. Even whilst I pray selfishness and pride pervade my prayer and my requests; but do thou purify my heart from all these vices, so that God may have mercy on me and by thy powerful intercession be induced to give thee the means of alleviating my condition by thy own hands.

Litany and Rosary.

Fourth Day.

O holy Mary, I again come before thee. I have already made known my poverty. I am nothing but sins, for I am full of them, and vices, which still exist in me. Look with pity on me. Whatever thou shalt give, I will be the richer for it. I shall always be poor

and miserable unless thou helpest to take away my sins; I shall remain a sinner unless thou enrichest my soul with virtues. I appeal to all the sufferings of thy divine Son; there on Calvary He died on the cross, and surely His death must not go in vain. Thou wert nearest to Him in His sufferings, thou art nearest to Him now, and thou wilt remember those sufferings and offer them to God as an atonement for my wretched state. All my troubles are caused by my sins; all the sufferings of Christ were inflicted by my sins. Through thy intercession I hope for salvation, pardon from Our Lord, and help in my present condition.

Litany and Rosary.

Fifth Day.

O Mother of Perpetual Help! while I pray for the intention of this novena and recommend to thee my concerns in order that they may be relieved, at the same time I beg of thee, dear Mother, the grace of persevering in the pursuit of virtue. At thy feet I have learned the virtues of

purity, humility, meekness, and zeal for the glory of God. Give me grace now to put them in practice, so that in my frailty I may not again fall into the vices which I have acknowledged. I wish, O dear Mother, to deserve thy kindness by the practice of virtue. I do not want the favors for which I make this novena unless I have been faithful, and thou wishest to reward me for my good works, especially my confidence in thee.

Litany and Rosary.

Sixth Day.

O dearest Mother Mary! behold me prostrate before thee, with a heart wounded by sin. I have been wilfully sinful, purposely bad, in order to enjoy the evil inclinations of my passions. I cannot claim ignorance; I have done all this with a full knowledge of the consequences of my sins; and even now, while I am praying to thee, I am in the same condition. I have no right to be heard. Still thou art so good a mother that thou wilt make every

effort, according to the will of God, to obtain for me the favors I now implore. I will do penance for my sins; and here, as an act of mortification, I offer thee this promise: to love my neighbor under all circumstances.

Litany and Rosary.

Seventh Day.

MOTHER of grace! on this seventh day of my novena I find that I have increased in fervor and piety, and the object for which I pray has become dearer and dearer to my heart. I have bewailed my sins and imperfections and reflected on them, and with the grace of God I have made firm resolutions to make amends. I hope, therefore, if it be the will of Almighty God, that thou wilt listen to my prayers in my present necessities. Why art thou called Mother of Perpetual Help if not that at every moment we can have recourse to thee and find relief in all our troubles?

Litany and Rosary.

Eighth Day.

O Mother most pure! I wish to beg of thee the strength to conquer temptations. When I go back into the turmoil of the world I will feel as if I had left a beautiful home, where my Mother dwells; I will feel as if left to myself, with no one to encourage me in the temptations of this world—temptations so much the more dangerous because I have not character enough to stand up nobly and refuse the pleasures that my passions promise to give me. This is a fearful struggle, and for humanity, unless aided by supernatural help, almost hopeless. Oh! then be to me a shield against the assaults of the devil, and help me to avoid the occasions of sin. Stand by my side, O my Mother, in all my temptations.

Litany and Rosary.

Ninth Day.

O Mary, Queen of the heavenly court! who standest beside the throne of thy divine Son, who

art greater than the angels and saints, and art now in the enjoyment of eternal bliss, look down on me, thy child, in this vale of tears; help me to come to God, my last end, to come to Jesus, Who is my Redeemer. Thou hast received the title of Mother of Perpetual Help, and thou hast shown thy approval by granting so many graces and favors under that title. Thou art now in heaven and all-powerful with God. Stretch forth thy hand and help me to a happy eternity. Grant that every day I may arise with renewed courage and fervor to do that which is most useful to my neighbor and the honor of God.

MEMORARE.

REMEMBER, O most pious Virgin Mary! that no one ever had recourse to thy protection or sought thy mediation without obtaining relief. Confiding, then, in thy goodness and mercy, I cast myself at thy sacred feet, and do most humbly supplicate thee, O Mother of the Eternal Word, to adopt me as thy

child and to take upon thyself the care of my eternal salvation. Oh! let it not be said, dearest Mother, that I have perished at thy sacred feet, where no one has ever found but mercy, grace, and salvation.

CANTICLE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

MY soul doth magnify the Lord; and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour:

Because He hath regarded the humility of His handmaid; for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For He that is mighty hath done great things to me: and holy is His name.

And His mercy is from generation to generation, to them that fear Him.

He hath showed might in His arm; He hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble.

He hath filled the hungry with

good things, and the rich He hath sent away empty.

He hath received Israel, His servant, being mindful of His mercy.

As He spoke to our father Abraham and to His seed forever.

Indulgence of 100 days once a day.—Leo XIII., Sept. 20, 1879.

SALVE REGINA.

HAIL, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope; to thee do we cry, poor banished sons of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us, and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

V. Make me worthy to praise thee, holy Virgin.

R. Give me strength against thine enemies.

V. Blessed be God in His saints.

R. Amen.

Litany of Loretto.

LORD have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.
Christ hear us.
Christ graciously hear us.
God the Father of heaven, *Have mercy on us.*
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *Have mercy on us.*
God the Holy Ghost, *Have mercy on us.*
Holy Trinity, one God, *Have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary,
Holy Mother of God,
Holy Virgin of virgins,
Mother of Christ,
Mother of divine grace,
Mother most pure,
Mother most chaste,
Mother inviolate,
Mother undefiled,
Mother most amiable,
Mother most admirable,
Mother of our Creator,
Mother of our Saviour,
Virgin most prudent,

Pray for us!

Virgin most venerable
Virgin most renowned,
Virgin most powerful,
Virgin most merciful,
Virgin most faithful,
Mirror of justice,
Seat of wisdom,
Cause of our joy,
Spiritual vessel,
Vessel of honor,
Vessel of singular devotion,
Mystical rose,
Tower of David,
Tower of ivory,
House of gold,
Ark of the covenant,
Morning star,
Health of the sick,
Refuge of sinners,
Comforter of the afflicted,
Help of Christians,
Queen of angels,
Queen of patriarchs,
Queen of prophets,
Queen of apostles,
Queen of martyrs,
Queen of confessors,
Queen of virgins,
Queen of all saints,

Pray for us!

Queen conceived without original sin,
Queen of the most holy Rosary,
Queen of peace,
} *Pray for us!*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Hear us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, etc., *Have mercy on us, O Lord!*

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us Pray.

POUR forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may, by His passion and cross, be brought to the glory of His resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

V. May the divine assistance always remain with us.

R. Amen.

V. And may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

R. Amen.

Triduum in Honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

First Day.

BEHOLD at thy feet, O Mother of Perpetual Help! a wretched sinner who has recourse to thee and confides in thee. O Mother of mercy! have pity on me. I hear thee called by all the refuge and the hope of sinners: be, then, my refuge and my hope. Assist me, for the love of Jesus Christ; stretch forth thy hand to a miserable fallen creature who recommends himself to thee, and who devotes himself to thy service forever. I bless and thank Almighty God, Who in mercy has given me this confidence in thee, which I hold to be a pledge of my eternal salvation. It is true that in the past I have miserably fallen into sin, because I had not recourse to thee. I know that with thy help I

shall conquer. I know, too, that thou wilt assist me if I recommend myself to thee; but I fear that in time of danger I may neglect to call on thee, and thus lose my soul. This grace, then, I ask of thee, and this I beg with all the fervor of my soul, that in all the attacks of hell I may ever have recourse to thee. O Mary! help me. O Mother of Perpetual Help, never suffer me to lose my God.

Second Day.

O Mother of Perpetual Help! grant that I may ever invoke thy most powerful name, which is the safeguard of the living and the salvation of the dying. O purest Mary! O sweetest Mary! let thy name henceforth be ever on my lips. Delay not, O blessed Lady! to succor me whenever I call on thee; for in all my temptations, in all my needs, I shall never cease to call on thee, ever repeating thy sacred name, Mary, Mary. Oh, what consolation, what sweetness, what confidence, what emotion fills my soul when I

utter thy sacred name, or even only think of thee! I thank the Lord for having given thee, for my good, so sweet, so powerful, so lovely a name. But I will not be content with merely uttering Thy name. Let my love for thee prompt me ever to hail thee, Mother of Perpetual Help.

Third Day.

O Mother of Perpetual Help! thou art the dispenser of all the gifts which God grants to us miserable sinners; and for this end He has made thee so powerful, so rich, and so bountiful, in order that thou mayest succor us in our misery. Thou art the advocate of the most wretched and abandoned sinners who have recourse to thee: come to my help, I commend myself to thee. In thy hands I place my eternal salvation, and to thee I entrust my soul. Count me among thy most devoted servants; take me under thy protection, and it is enough for me, for if thou protect me I fear nothing: not from my sins, because thou wilt obtain for me the pardon

of them; nor from the devils, because thou art more powerful than all hell together; nor even from Jesus, my Judge, because by one prayer from thee He will be appeased. But one thing I fear, that in the hour of temptation, I may, through negligence, fail to have recourse to thee, and thus perish miserably. Obtain for me, therefore, the pardon of my sins, love for Jesus, final perseverance, and the grace ever to have recourse to thee, O Mother of Perpetual Help!

Indulgence of 100 days every time for each prayer.—Pius IX., May 17, 1866.

Litany to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

(For Private Devotion Only.)

LORD have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.
Christ hear us.
Christ graciously hear us.
God the Father of heaven, *Have mercy on us.*

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *Have mercy on us.*
God the Holy Ghost, *Have mercy on us.*
Holy Trinity, one God, *Have mercy on us.*
Holy Mary, *Pray for us.*
Holy Mother of God, *Pray for us.*
Holy Virgin conceived without sin, *Pray for us.*
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, *Pray for us.*

We sinners call to thee,
That we may love God with our whole heart,
That we may be conformable in all things to thy divine Son Jesus,
That we may have a tender and heartfelt devotion to thee, most holy Virgin,
That we may hate with all our strength sin, the only evil,
That we may frequently remember our last end,
That we may often and worthily receive the Most Holy Sacrament,
That we may avoid with all our

O Mary, ever help of

strength proximate occasions of sin,
That we may not neglect prayer a single day of our lives,
That we may have recourse to prayer in the hour of temptation,
That we may generously forgive our enemies and wish well to all men,
That we may not defer our conversion from day to day,
That we may zealously labor to overcome our bad habits,
That we may live and die in the grace of God,
In all concerns of body and soul, in sickness and pain,
In persecution and dereliction, in sorrow and affliction of all kinds,
In time of unholy war and infectious disease,
In struggles against the inclinations of corrupt nature,
In assaults of evil spirits,
In temptations against the holy virtue of purity,
In all danger of sinning,

O Mary, ever help us!

When we have reached the end of our earthly course,
When, lying on our deathbed, the thought of our approaching dissolution shall fill us with fear and horror,
When, in the hour of final separation, evil spirits shall try to drive us to despair,
When the priest of the Lord shall have given us the last absolution and blessing,
When our relations and friends surround our bed weeping and praying for us,
When our eyes have grown dim and our hearts have ceased to beat,
When we have breathed forth our spirit into the hands of our Creator,
When our poor souls appear before our divine Judge,
When the terrible judgment is about to be passed,
When suffering in the flames of purgatory and pining for the vision of God,

O Mary, ever help us!

Lamb of God, Who takest away the

sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Graciously hear us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy on us, O Lord!*

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us Pray.

O God, Who hast willed that the Mother of Thy only-begotten Son should be the perpetual succor of Christians on earth, grant us grace to call on her with confidence in all our necessities of soul and body, so that, saved through her protection and assistance, we may be brought to the everlasting vision of Thy glory in heaven, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Novena to Our Lady of La Salette.

PRAYER.

O my Lady, holy Mary, Queen of perseverance, to thee and thy blessed charge and sacred keeping, and into the bosom of thy mercy, for this day and for every day and for the hour of my death, I commend myself, body and soul, and every hope and every joy, my every trouble and every sorrow, my life and my life's end. I come to thee that, by virtue of thy most holy intercession and by thy merits, all that I have may be ordered, all that I do disposed, according to thy will and that of thy divine Son. Amen.

Nine Hail Marys, with the following aspiration after each:

Our blessed Lady of La Salette, reconciler of sinners with God, pray without ceasing for us who have recourse to thee. Amen.

EJACULATION.

Mary, Mother of God and Mother of mercy, pray for me and the departed.

Indulgence of 100 days once a day.

Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes.

PRAYER.

O EVER-IMMACULATE Virgin, Mother of mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comfort of the afflicted, thou knowest my wants, my troubles, my sufferings, deign to cast upon me a look of mercy. By appearing in the grotto of Lourdes thou wert pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, whence thou dispensest thy favors, and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with the most unbounded confidence to implore thy maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the granting of my requests. Through gratitude for thy favors I will endeavor to imitate thy virtues, that I may one day share thy glory. Amen.

V. O Mary conceived without sin.

R. Pray for us who have recourse to thee.

V. Blessed be the holy and im-

maculate conception of the Virgin Mary.

R. Forever and ever. Amen.

Novena to Our Lady of Good Counsel.

(Feast, April 26th. Novena begins April 17th and ends April 25th.)

PRAYER FOR COUNSEL AND GUIDANCE.

MOST holy Virgin, who wast chosen to be the Mother of the Incarnate Word, and who thus didst become the seat of wisdom, the Mother of good counsel, and the faithful dispenser of heavenly gifts to us, thy adopted children, we supplicate thee to enlighten our understanding, to direct our steps, to console us by thy maternal protection, so that, exempt from all error, sheltered from every danger, strengthened against our enemies, we may with ardor and invincible courage walk in the paths traced out for us by thee and thy divine Son. We do not deserve so great a favor, but we know that thou art our Mother, and dost not measure thy graces according to our merits.

but according to the extent of thy power and the generosity of thy maternal heart. Filled with this confidence, we are assured that thy protection will never fail us, and we hope to thank thee in heaven, singing thy praises forever. Amen.

Three Hail Marys.

Invocation. Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL.

MOST glorious Virgin Mary! selected by the eternal councils as Mother of the Eternal Word made man, treasury of divine grace, advocate of sinners, unworthy as I am I trust in thee, entreating thee to guide and advise me in this valley of tears. Obtain for me through the most precious blood of thy divine Son the forgiveness of my sins and the salvation of my soul. Obtain also for the holy Church the triumph over her enemies and the propagation of the faith all over the world. Amen.

An indulgence of 100 days. — Leo XIII., Nov. 23, 1880.

Litany of Our Lady of Good Counsel.

(For Private Devotion Only.)

LORD have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.
Christ hear us.
Christ graciously hear us.
God the Father of heaven, *Have mercy on us!*
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *Have mercy on us!*
God the Holy Ghost, *Have mercy on us!*
Holy Trinity, one God, *Have mercy on us!*

Holy Virgin Mary, our Mother,
Beloved daughter of the eternal Father,
August Mother of God the Son,
Chaste spouse of the Holy Ghost,
Living temple of the Holy Spirit,
Queen of heaven and earth,
Seat of divine wisdom,
Depository of the secrets of the Most High,
Virgin most prudent,

Counsel and protect us!

In our perplexities and our doubts,
In our anguish and tribulations,
In our affairs and undertakings,
In our perils and temptations,
In combats against the world, the demon, and the flesh,
In our discouragements,
In our needs,
At the hour of death,
By thy immaculate conception,
By thy happy nativity,
By thy admirable presentation,
By thy glorious annunciation,
By thy charitable visitation,
By thy divine maternity,
By thy holy purification,
By the sorrows and anguish of thy maternal heart,
By thy precious death,
By thy triumphant assumption,

Counsel and protect us.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of he world, *Spare us, O Lord!*
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Graciously hear us, O Lord!*
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy on us, O Lord!*

V. Pray for us, O Mother of good counsel.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us Pray.

LORD JESUS, Author and Dispenser of all good, Who in becoming incarnate in the womb of the blessed Virgin Mary communicated to her lights above all the celestial intelligences, grant that in honoring her under the title of Our Lady of Good Counsel we may ever merit from her bounty such counsels of wisdom and salvation as may lead us to the haven of a blessed eternity Amen.

PRAYER.

O MOTHER of God, pray for us, thou who hast been enriched with all heavenly gifts, especially with that of good counsel. We are blind: grant that our eyes may be opened to the true light; we have to fulfil many obligations: give us thy hand, so that in all difficulties here

below we may walk forward, guided by thee. Yes, be our guide and adviser, O thou who participatest so adundantly in the favors of the Eternal Wisdom. Be, after God, our providence, not for one day, but during every hour of life. Amen.

Novena to Our Lady of the Rosary of Pompeii.

INSTRUCTION.

ABOUT twenty years ago there lived in the south of Italy a lawyer, Signor Bartolo Longo, who, far from being a saint, had forsaken his religion and indulged in spiritualism and magnetism. But during the month of October, 1872, he was miraculously struck by divine grace on the very spot on which afterwards arose the sanctuary of Our Lady of Pompeii.

One day he was wandering alone in a wild spot in the valley of Pompeii, meditating on the best way to atone for his sins, to find again the peace and happiness of the days when he was still true to his religion, when suddenly he heard a sweet voice saying to him: "Wilt thou find peace again? Spread my Rosary, for whoever propagates the devotion of the Rosary shall never per-

ish." He answered: "If thy promise is sure, I am saved, and I am happy once more, for I shall spread thy Rosary."

He set about to spread the devotion to the holy Rosary of Our Lady of Pompeii, and in less than twenty years, on the very spot where he had heard the voice, there stood, commenced by poor peasants, finished, thanks to the offerings of the entire world, the sanctuary which Pope Leo XIII. has taken under his special patronage. Thousands of pilgrims from all parts of the world go there every year to venerate the picture of Our Lady which is there, framed in gold and precious stones. The Holy Father has attached numerous privileges to this sanctuary, and many wonderful graces have been obtained and many miracles performed.

Novena of Impetration

Put the miraculous picture of the Virgin of Pompeii in a becoming place and, if possible, light before it two candles as a symbol of your faith and fervor, and then pray as follows:

IN the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

V. O God, come to my aid.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

V. Glory be to the Father, etc.

I.

O IMMACULATE Virgin and Queen of the holy Rosary, in these days of dying faith and triumphant impiety thou hast deigned to set thy throne of Queen and Mother on the ancient land of Pompeii, of yore the abode of heathens; and from the spot where idols and demons were worshipped thou, as the Mother of divine grace, dost now lavish on this world the treasures of the heavenly mercies. From that throne where thou reignest so mercifully, O Mary, turn down thy pitiful eyes towards me too, and have mercy on me, who am in such need of thy help. Show thyself to me also, as thou hast shown thyself to so many, a true Mother of mercy: *monstra te esse matrem;* whilst I, from the bottom of my heart, greet and invoke thee as my sovereign and Queen of the most holy Rosary.

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished sons of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us, and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

II.

PROSTRATE at the foot of thy throne, O great and glorious Queen, my soul venerates thee, amid sobs and sorrows that overwhelm it. In these my anguishes and troubles I lift up my eyes confidently to thee, who hast vouchsafed to choose for thy abode these countries of poor, forsaken peasants; and here, near the town and amphitheatre, once the scene of pagan pleasures, where now silence of ruin reigns, thou, as Queen of victories, hast raised thy powerful voice to invite thy devoted children from all

parts of Italy and of the whole Catholic world to build thee a temple. Have mercy, at last, on this my soul that lies humbled in the mire; have mercy on me, O Queen, have mercy on me, oppressed beyond measure by miseries and humiliations! Thou, who art the terror of demons, defend me from the enemies that beset me; thou, who art the help of Christians, rescue me from the trials in which I so miserably live; thou, who art our life, overcome death threatening my soul amid the dangers to which it is exposed, and give me back peace, tranquillity, love, and health. Amen.

Hail, holy Queen, etc.

III.

To hear how many have received thy favors only because they confidently had recourse to thee gives me new spirit and courage to implore thy help. Thou didst once promise to St. Dominic that whosoever wants graces will obtain them through thy Rosary: behold I, with thy Rosary in hand, call upon thee,

O Mother, for the fulfilment of thy maternal promises. Thou who, even now, dost multiply wonders in order to encourage thy children to build thee a temple at Pompeii, art certainly willing to wipe away our tears and soothe our pains. I now pour out my heart before thee, and with a lively faith call upon and invoke thee, O my Mother! Mother dear! beautiful Mother! Mother most sweet, help me. Mother and Queen of the holy Rosary, do not longer delay to hold out thy mighty hand towards me and to save me, for thou knowest delay would bring me to ruin.

Hail, holy Queen, etc.

IV.

To whom shall I ever have recourse if not to thee, who art the relief of the wretched, the comfort of the forsaken, the solace of the afflicted? I confess it, my soul is miserable, overloaded with enormous sins, deserving to burn in hell, unworthy of thy graces; but art thou not the hope of the hopeless, the great medi-

atrix between man and God, our powerful advocate before the throne of the Most High, the refuge of sinners? Say only one word to thy Son on my behalf and He will hear thee. Beg of Him, O Mother, this grace I want so much. [*Here stop a while and specify the grace which you are asking for in this novena.*] Thou alone canst obtain it for me, thou who art my only hope, my consolation, my sweetness, my whole life! As I hope, so may it be.

Hail, holy Queen, etc.

V.

O VIRGIN and Queen of the holy Rosary, thou who art the daughter of the heavenly Father, the mother of the divine Son, the spouse of the Holy Ghost, thou who hast all power with the Most Holy Trinity, obtain for me this grace so necessary to me, if it be not an obstacle to my eternal salvation. [*Here again stop and specify the grace you desire.*] I ask it of thee by thy immaculate conception, by thy divine maternity, by thy joys, by thy sorrows, by thy

glories; I ask it through the heart of thy loving Jesus, through the nine months during which thou didst bear Him in thy womb, through the hardships of His life, through His bitter passion, through His death on the cross, through His most holy name and His most precious blood. I finally ask it by thy most sweet heart and thy glorious name, O Mary, who art the star of the sea, the powerful queen, the gate of heaven, and the mother of all graces. In thee I trust, from thee I hope everything: thou must save me. Amen.

Hail, holy Queen, etc.

V. Vouchsafe that I may praise thee, O sacred Virgin.

R. Give me strength against thy enemies.

V. Pray for us, Queen of the most holy Rosary.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us Pray.

O God, Whose only-begotten Son hath purchased for us the rewards of eternal salvation through

His life, death, and resurrection, we beseech thee grant to us, who are commemorating those mysteries in the holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the grace to hearken to the lessons they teach us and to obtain the blessings they promise. Through the same Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

By a rescript of Nov. 29, 1887, Leo XIII. has granted to the faithful who devoutly recite, before a picture of Our Lady of Pompeii, this novena, composed of five prayers with versicles, responsories, and "Let us Pray," 300 days' indulgence on each day of the novena, and a plenary indulgence to those who, on any day in the course or at the conclusion of the novena, confess their sins, receive holy communion, and pray for his intentions.

Novena of Thanksgiving.

Before the picture of the Virgin of Pompeii light two candles, if possible, and then, holding the Rosary in your hands, pray as follows:

V. O God, come to my aid.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

I.

BEHOLD me at thy feet, O immaculate Mother of Jesus, who likest being invoked as Queen of the Rosary in Valle di Pompeii: with joy in my heart, with my soul full of the liveliest gratitude, I come back again to thee, O my generous benefactress, my sweet Lady, Queen of my heart; I come to thee, who hast really shown thyself a mother, the mother who loves me so much. I was sorry, and thou hast heard me; I was afflicted, and thou hast consoled me; I was in anguish, and thou hast given me peace again. Dolors and pains of death had beset my heart, and thou, O Mother, from thy throne of Pompeii hast cheered me with a glance of pity. Who ever addresses himself to thee with faith and is not listened to? Oh! if all the world could only know how good thou art, how compassionate on those who suffer, then all creatures would have recourse to thee! Be ever blessed, O Virgin, Queen of Pompeii,

by me and by all, by men and angels, by earth and heaven!

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Hail, holy Queen, etc.

II.

I RETURN thanks to God and to thee, divine Mother, for the new favors which have been granted to me through thy kindness and mercy. What would have become of me hadst thou repelled my sighs and tears? May the angels of paradise, the choirs of apostles, of martyrs, of virgins and confessors, thank thee for me! May so many souls of sinners whom thou hast saved and who are now enjoying in heaven the vision of thy immortal beauty thank thee for me!

Would that all creatures along with me might love thee, and that the whole world might repeat the echo of my gratitude! What can I return to thee, queen rich in kindness and magnificence? I will devote the rest of my life to thee and to the spreading of thy devotion, O Virgin of the

Rosary of Pompeii, by whose intercession the grace of the Lord has visited me; I will tell everybody the mercy thou hast granted to me; I will always proclaim how kind thou hast been towards me, so that unworthy sinners like myself may have recourse to thee with confidence.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Hail, holy Queen, etc.

III.

By what names shall I address thee, O pure dove of peace? By what titles shall I invoke thee, whom the holy doctors called queen of creation, gate of life, temple of God, palace of light, glory of heaven, saint among the saints, miracle of miracles, paradise of the Most High? Thou art the treasurer of graces, the suppliant omnipotence, nay, the mercy itself of God which descends upon the unfortunate. But I know it is sweet to thy heart to be called Queen of the Rosary in Valle di Pompeii. In thus addressing thee I feel the sweetness of thy mystical name, O rose of paradise, trans-

planted in this valley of tears to soothe the pains of us banished children of Eve; red rose of charity, more fragrant than all the aromas of Libanus, thou who, by the perfume of thy celestial sweetness, dost attract in thy valley the hearts of sinners to the heart of God. Thou art the rose of eternal freshness, that, watered by the streams of the celestial fountains, hast struck thy root in the soil dried up by a rain of fire; the rose of immaculate beauty, who in the place of desolation hast planted the garden of the Lord's delights. Praised be God, Who made thy name so admirable. Bless ye, O nations, the name of the Virgin of Pompeii, for the whole earth is full of her mercy.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Hail, holy Queen, etc.

IV.

AMID the storms which had submerged me I lifted up my eyes to thee, new star of hope nowadays risen over the valley of the ruins. From the depths of bitterness I raised my voice to thee,

Queen of the Rosary of Pompeii, and I experienced the power of that title so dear to thee. Hail! will I always cry, hail, Mother of pity! immense sea of graces, ocean of goodness and mercy!

Who can worthily sing the new glories of thy Rosary, the fresh victories of thy crown? In the valley where Satan was devouring the souls thou hast opened a place of salvation for those who, snatching themselves from the arms of Jesus, rushed into the devil's hands. O conqueror, thou hast trodden down the ruins of the pagan temples and set the throne of thy dominion on the ruins of idolatry, thou hast changed the sojourn of death into a valley of resurrection and life, and on the earth where thy enemy reigned thou hast set up a stronghold of refuge in which thou takest people into safety

Behold, thy children scattered in the world have there raised a throne to thee as a memorial of thy miracles and as a trophy of thy mercies. From

that throne thou hast called me also among thy chosen children, and on this poor person of mine rests the eye of thy mercy. May thy works be ever blessed, O Lady, and blessed be all the marvels worked by thee in the valley of desolation and destruction

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Hail, holy Queen, etc.

V.

MAY thy glory resound in every language, O Lady, and may the concert of our blessings resound from evening to dawn! All the nations call thee blessed, and all the shores of the earth and all the mansions of heaven repeat thee blessed. Thrice blessed will I too call thee with the angels, with the archangels, with the principalities; thrice blessed will I too call thee with the angelic powers, with the virtues of heaven, and with the supreme dominations; most blessed will I too call thee with the thrones, with the cherubim, and with the seraphim. O my sovereign deliverer, do not cease casting thy

merciful eyes on this family, on this nation, on the whole Church; above all do not refuse me the greatest of all graces, namely, that my weakness may never separate me from thee. May I persevere to my last hour in that faith and in that love which now burn in my soul, and may all who have contributed to the building of thy sanctuary at Pompeii be in the number of the elect.

O crown of the Rosary of my Mother, I press thee to my heart and kiss thee with reverence. [*Here kiss your rosary.*] Thou art the means of acquiring all virtues, the treasure of merits for heaven, the pledge of my predestination, the strong chain which ties the enemy, a source of peace to those who honor thee in life, an augury of victory to those who kiss thee in death. At that last hour I wait for thee, O Mother! Thy appearance will be to me the sign of my salvation, thy Rosary will open unto me the gates of heaven. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Hail, holy Queen, etc.

V. Pray for us, Queen of the most holy Rosary.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us Pray.

O God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hast taught us to have recourse to Thee with confidence and to call Thee "Our Father, Who art in heaven"—O good Lord, to Whom it is proper always to have mercy and to forgive, through the intercession of the immaculate Virgin Mary hear us, who take pride in the title of sons of the Rosary; accept our humble thanks for the graces received, and render every day more glorious and everlasting the throne Thou hast raised to her in the sanctuary of Pompeii. Through the merits of Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

By a rescript of April 29, 1892, Leo. XIII. has granted to the faithful who devoutly recite the "Novena of Thanksgiving" the same indulgences, both partial and plenary, and on the same conditions as for the "Novena of Impetration."

CONSECRATION TO OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY.

To be Renewed Once a Week.

PERMIT me, O immaculate Virgin, Queen of the holy Rosary, to choose thee this day for my mother, my patroness, my asylum, my refuge, and my protection. I wish to give thee my heart, my soul, my entire being, and, after God, to love thee above all things. Happy he who consecrates to thee his love. Art thou not, O Blessed Virgin, fairer than the angels, brighter than the stars, more brilliant than the sun? Art thou not a garden of delights? Dost thou not surpass the lily in splendor? Art thou not a perfumed flower, a fair dove, the beloved of Jesus, the cherished daughter, the mother without spot, the spouse chosen among a thousand? Who, then, can refuse thee his heart? I give thee, then, mine, because thou art fair, enriched with every grace, and filled with every perfection. I give thee, then, mine, O Mary, because gratitude urges me to

it. O beloved Mother! deign to permit me to ask thee three things: 1st, a pure heart to love thee and to love Jesus; 2d, that I may die on a day that will be consecrated to thee, and in pronouncing perfect acts of love; 3d, the grace to be among the privileged choir who in heaven, at the foot of thy throne, will sing thy praises forever.

O Mother of God and my most dear Mother, by the heart of Jesus I beg of thee each time I shall say, "O Mother of God, remember me!" to adore then for me the heart of thy divine Son, and offer my unworthy one to Him, asking pardon for all that is amiss in it—telling that God of love how much it desires perfectly to love Him; and obtain by thy powerful intercession a love that may consume in it all earthly affections, and that He may replenish it to the full extent of its small capacity.

This, dear Mother, I beg through the heart of Jesus, to which I am sure thou canst refuse nothing, and by which I know thou canst not be rejected. Oh! show, then, thyself a

mother, and comply with the desires of thy poor unworthy child.

Thirty Days' Prayer to the Blessed Virgin.

EVER-GLORIOUS and blessed Mary, Queen of virgins, Mother of mercy, hope and comfort of dejected and desolate souls, through that sword of sorrow which pierced thy tender heart while thine only Son, Christ Jesus, Our Lord, suffered death and ignominy on the cross; through that filial tenderness and pure love He had for thee, grieving in thy grief, while from the cross He recommended thee to the care and protection of His beloved disciple, St. John—take pity, I beseech thee, on my poverty and necessities; have compassion on my anxieties and cares; assist and comfort me in all my infirmities and miseries of what kind soever. Thou art the mother of mercies, the sweet consolatrix and only refuge of the needy and the orphan, of the desolate and the afflicted.

Cast, therefore, an eye of pity on a miserable, forlorn child of Eve, and hear my prayer; for since, in just punishment for my sins, I find myself encompassed by a multitude of evils and oppressed with much anguish of spirit, whither can I fly for more secure shelter, O amiable Mother of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, than under the wings of thy maternal protection? Attend, therefore, I beseech thee, with an ear of pity and compassion to my humble and earnest request. I ask it through the wonderful mercy of thy dear Son, through that love and condescension wherewith He embraced our nature when, in compliance with the divine will, thou gavest thy consent, and Whom after the expiration of nine months thou didst bring forth from the chaste enclosure of thy womb, to visit this world and bless it with His presence. I ask it through that anguish of mind wherewith thy beloved Son, our dear Saviour, was overwhelmed on Mount Olivet when He besought His eternal Father to remove from Him,

if possible, the bitter chalice of His future passion. I ask it through the threefold repetition of His prayers in the garden, whence afterwards with dolorous steps and mournful tears, thou didst accompany Him to the doleful theatre of His sufferings and death. I ask it through the welts and sores of His virginal flesh, occasioned by the cords and whips wherewith He was bound and scourged when stripped of His seamless garment, for which His executioners afterwards cast lots. I ask it through the scoffs and ignominies by which He was insulted; the false accusation and unjust sentence by which He was condemned to death, and which He bore with heavenly patience. I ask it through His bitter tears and bloody sweat, His silence and resignation, His sadness and grief of heart. I ask it through the blood which trickled from His royal and sacred head when struck with His sceptre, a reed, and pierced with His crown of thorns. I ask it through the excruciating torments He suffered when His hands

and feet were fastened with gross nails to the tree of the cross. I ask it through His vehement thirst, and bitter potion of vinegar and gall. I ask it through His dereliction on the cross when He exclaimed, "My God! my God! why hast Thou forsaken Me?" I ask it through His recommending His precious soul and spirit into the hands of His eternal Father before He expired, saying, "It is consummated." I ask it through the blood mixed with water which issued from His sacred side when pierced with the lance, and whence a flood of grace and mercy has flowed to us. I ask it through His immaculate life, bitter passion, and ignominious death on the cross, at which nature itself was thrown into convulsions by the bursting of rocks, rending of the veil of the Temple, the earthquake, and darkness of the sun and moon. I ask it through His descent into hell, where He comforted the saints of the Old Law with His presence and led captivity captive. I ask it through His glorious victory over death when

He arose again to life on the third day; and through the joy which His appearance for forty days after gave thee, His blessed Mother, His apostles, and the rest of His disciples, when in thine and their presence He miraculously ascended into heaven. I ask it through the grace of the Holy Ghost infused into the hearts of the disciples when He descended upon them in the form of fiery tongues, by which they were inspired with zeal in the conversion of the world when they went to preach the Gospel. I ask it through the awful appearance of thy Son at the last dreadful day, when He shall come to judge the living and the dead and the world by fire. I ask it through the compassion He bore thee in this life, and the ineffable joy thou didst feel at thine assumption into heaven, where thou art eternally absorbed in the sweet contemplation of His divine perfections. O glorious and ever-blessed Virgin! comfort the heart of thy suppliant by obtaining for me [*here name your request*]; and as I am persuaded my divine Saviour

doth honor thee as His beloved Mother, to whom He can refuse nothing, so let me speedily experience the efficacy of thy powerful intercession according to the tenderness of thy maternal affection and His filial loving heart Who mercifully granteth the requests and complieth with the desires of those that love and fear Him. Wherefore, O most blessed Virgin, beside the object of my present petition and whatever else I may stand in need of, obtain for me also of thy dear Son, our Lord and our God, a lively faith, firm hope, perfect charity, true contrition of heart, unfeigned tears of compunction, sincere confession, condign satisfaction, abstinence from sin, love of God and my neighbor, contempt of the world, patience to suffer affronts and ignominies, nay, even, if necessary, an opprobrious death itself, for the love of thy Son, Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Obtain likewise for me, O sacred Mother of God! perseverance in good works, performance of good resolutions, mortification of self-will, a

pious conversation through life, and at my last moments strong and sincere repentance, accompanied by such a lively and attentive presence of mind as may enable me to receive the last sacraments of the Church worthily and die in thy friendship and favor. Lastly, obtain, I beseech thee, for the souls of my parents, brethren, relations, and benefactors, both living and dead, life everlasting. Amen.

A MOST EFFICACIOUS PRAYER TO OUR BLESSED LADY QUEEN OF ANGELS.

AUGUST Queen of heaven, sovereign mistress of the angels, who didst receive from the beginning the mission and power to crush the serpent's head, we beseech thee to send thy holy angels that under thy command and by thy power they may pursue the evil spirits, encounter them on every side, resist their bold attacks, and drive them hence into the abyss of woe.

Divine Mother, send thy holy angels to defend me, and to drive

the cruel enemy from me. All ye holy angels and archangels, help and defend me. Amen.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF LIGHT.

OUR Lady of Light, spouse of the Holy Ghost, I give thee my whole self, soul and body, all I have, or may have, to keep for Jesus, that I may be his forever more. Our Lady of Light, spouse of the Holy Ghost, pray for me.

100 days' indulgence.

ASPIRATION IN ANY TEMPTATION.

MY Queen and my Mother! remember that I belong to thee; defend and preserve me as thy property and possession.

40 days' indulgence each time.—Pius IX., Aug. 5, 1851.

Novena to the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel.

A DEVOTION FOR THOSE WHO WEAR THE BROWN SCAPULAR.

(Feast, July 16th. Novena begins July 7th and ends July 15th.)

First Day.

PREPARATORY PRAYER.

O GLORIOUS Queen of angels! most pure and ever-blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel! powerful advocate of all those who wear thy holy scapular! faithful protectress of all the servants of thy Son Jesus Christ! I, an unworthy sinner, do this day, in the presence of thy beloved Son, my Saviour, choose thee for my patroness, that, through thy intercession, I may receive from Him whatsoever grace may be necessary and profitable for me now and at the hour of my death. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, *three times*.

PRAYER.

O MOST glorious and blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel!

I, an unworthy wearer of thy holy scapular, confident, however, that the Church does not call thee in vain the "refuge of sinners," do beseech thee to make me sensible of the favors thou hast conferred upon me by promoting the welfare of thy holy Order, that, being truly contrite for past offences, I may, by thy aid and assistance, break the chains of my slavery, and live henceforward in the happy liberty of the children of God. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

Litany of the Blessed Virgin.

Second Day.

Preparatory Prayer, Our Father, Hail Mary, *as on page* 270.

Prayer.

O almighty and eternal God, vouchsafe to impart to us, Thy unworthy servants, a small portion of that heavenly grace with which Thou hast been pleased to sanctify Thy servant Mary; and grant that

through her intercession and protection, we may be shielded against all temptations, and be secure from all our enemies. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

Litany of the Blessed Virgin.

Third Day.

Preparatory Prayer, Our Father, Hail Mary, *as on page 270.*

PRAYER.

REMEMBER, O most pious Virgin, it is a thing unheard of that thou hast ever forsaken those who have recourse to thee. Encouraged with this hope and confidence, my most dear Mother, I, a miserable sinner, cast myself at thy sacred feet, humbly begging that thou wilt adopt me as thy child forever, and take upon thee the care of my eternal salvation: do not, Mother of the Word Incarnate! reject my petition, but graciously hear and grant it. Amen.

Litany of the Blessed Virgin.

Fourth Day.

Preparatory Prayer, Our Father, Hail Mary, *as on page 270.*

PRAYER.

O most glorious and ever-blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel! I, thy unworthy child and client, sensible of the favors thou enjoyest with God, humbly present myself before thee, and beg that thou wilt intercede and obtain for me true contrition and repentance, an undefiled purity of heart, and a conscience free from sin and all offence against God; direct me, I beseech thee, in all my actions during life, and in that awful moment when my poor soul departs from my body conduct it into the presence of thy Son, there to sing His praises forever and ever. Amen.

Litany of the Blessed Virgin.

Fifth Day.

Preparatory Prayer, Our Father, Hail Mary, *as on page 270.*

PRAYER.

O MOST glorious Virgin Mother! who, by favor of thy divine Son, hast so great power in heaven and on earth, enlighten my blindness and strengthen my resolution. The zeal thou hast in promoting the welfare of thy sacred Order, and the part thou takest in seeing the grace of our Redeemer abound in us, give me a right to thy interest in this my request; and when that awful hour of death approaches, be to me, I beseech thee, a tender mother, and by thy prayers dispose thy Son Jesus Christ favorably in my regard. Amen.

Litany of the Blessed Virgin.

SIXTH DAY.

Preparatory Prayer, Our Father, Hail Mary, *as on page* 270.

PRAYER.

O MOST glorious and ever-virgin Mary of Mount Carmel! I offer unto thee this day all my thoughts, words, and actions; I am weak and

infirm, dejected and cast down at every tribulation, and terrified at the dismal prospect a review of my own interior gives me. All is misery, a continual propensity to vice and repugnance to virtue. O Mother of mercy and refuge of sinners! thou wilt not reject a contrite and humble heart. Intercede for me, I beseech thee, that I may so live in this sinful world that at the hour of death I may be worthy to be admitted into the regions of bliss. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Who with the Father and the Son liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

Litany of the Blessed Virgin.

Seventh Day.

Preparatory Prayer, Our Father, Hail Mary, *as on page 270.*

PRAYER.

O most holy Mary of Mount Carmel! pray for me, I beseech thee, that, through the merits of thy Son, I may enjoy perpetual health of mind and body, and that I may serve

Him faithfully in this life, and hereafter see, love, and enjoy Him in the kingdom of His glory. Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

Litany of the Blessed Virgin.

Eighth Day.

Preparatory Prayer, Our Father, Hail Mary, *as on page 270*.

PRAYER.

O most glorious and ever-blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel! faithful protectress of all those who wear thy holy scapular, behold thy poor servant humbly prostrate at thy feet, deploring his misery and imploring thy prayers, and beseeching thee to protect him through the stormy ocean of this tempestuous world; hear my prayers, then, O refuge of sinners! and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O most clement, O most loving, O most sweet Virgin Mary!

Litany of the Blessed Virgin.

Ninth Day.

Preparatory Prayer, Our Father, Hail Mary, *as on page* 270.

PRAYER.

O BLESSED finder of grace, Mother of life, Mother of salvation! may we through thee have access to thy Son; and that He Who was given us through thee may receive us through thee, may thy integrity and innocence excuse before Him the stain of our corruption; may thy abundant charity cover the multitude of our sins, and thy glorious fruitfulness supply our want of merits. Our mother, our mediatrix, our advocate! reconcile us to thy Son, commend us to thy Son, present us to thy Son; by the grace with which thou art honored, obtain that He Who through thee put on our weakness may through thee make us partakers of His bliss and glory. Amen.

Litany of the Blessed Virgin.

Prayers at the Conclusion of the Novena.

O God, Who hast deigned to honor the Order of Carmel with the glorious title of Thy Virgin Mother, grant the grace of her protection to all who celebrate this solemn commemoration, so that through her we may attain eternal happiness. Amen.

O glorious Virgin Mary! Queen of Carmel, Mother of God and of poor sinners, special protectress of all those who wear thy holy scapular, I supplicate thee, by the glory that has been accorded thee by the Incarnate Word in choosing thee for His Mother, to obtain for me the pardon of my sins, amendment of my life, salvation of my soul, consolation in my pains, and in particular the grace I ask in this novena, provided it be conformable to the will of thy divine Son. Amen.

Part 3.—The Angels and Saints.

Novena to the Holy Guardian Angels.

PRAYER.

(Feast, Oct. 2d. Novena begins Sept 23d and ends Oct. 1st.)

O PURE and happy spirits, whom the Almighty selected to become the angels and guardians of men, I most humbly prostrate myself before you, to thank you for the charity and zeal with which you execute this commission. Alas! how many pass a long life without ever thanking that invisible friend to whom they a thousand times owed its preservation. O charitable guardians of those souls for whom Christ died! O burning spirits! who cannot but love those whom Jesus eternally loved, permit me to address you in behalf of all those committed

to your care, and to implore for them all in general a grateful sense of your many favors, and the grace to profit by your charitable assistance. And you, O guardian angels of sinners, loving guides of those unhappy mortals whose persistence in sin would embitter even your unutterable joys were you not established in the peace of God, oh! join me, I ardently beseech you, in obtaining their conversion. O faithful guides, holy spirits, ardent adorers of the Divinity, guardian angels of all creatures! protect us all; teach us to love, to pray, to combat on earth, and rather obtain for us instant death than permit us to commit one mortal sin. Obtain for us also, dear guardian angels, the favors we solicit in this novena.

PRAYER.

ANGEL of God, my guardian dear,
To whom His love commits me here,
Ever this day be at my side,
To light and guard, to rule and guide.
Amen.

Indulgence of 100 days every time. Plenary indulgence on the feast.—Pius VI., Oct. 2, 1795.

A devotion to the holy angels agreeable to Our Lord is an exercise of nine acts of mortification, or nine Hail Marys, or nine genuflections before the Blessed Sacrament, in honor of the nine choirs of angels.

For making a novena to the holy guardian angels an indulgence of 100 days, once a day, and a plenary indulgence during the novena or the eight days following it.—Pius IX., Nov. 26, 1876.

Litany of the Holy Angels.

(For Private Devotion Only.)

Lord have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.
Christ hear us.
Christ graciously hear us.
God the Father of heaven,
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God the Holy Ghost,
Holy Trinity, one God,
Have mercy on us!

Holy Mary, Queen of angels,
Holy Mother of God,
Holy Virgin of virgins,
St. Michael, who wast ever the defender of the people of God,
St. Michael, who didst drive from heaven Lucifer and his rebel crew,
St. Michael, who didst cast down to hell the accuser of our brethren,
St. Gabriel, who didst expound to Daniel the heavenly vision,
St. Gabriel, who didst foretell to Zachary the birth and ministry of John the Baptist,
St. Gabriel, who didst announce to Mary the incarnation of the Divine Word,
St. Raphael, who didst lead Tobias safe through his journey to his home again,
St. Raphael, who didst deliver Sara from the devil,
St. Raphael, who didst restore his sight to Tobias, the elder,
All ye holy angels, who stand upon the high and lofty throne of God,

Pray for us!

Who cry to Him continually, "Holy, holy, holy,"
Who dispel the darkness of our minds and give us light,
Who are the messengers of heavenly things to men,
Who have been appointed by God to be our guardians,
Who always behold the face of our Father Who is in heaven,
Who rejoice over one sinner doing penance,
Who struck the Sodomites with blindness,
Who led Lot out of the midst of the ungodly,
Who ascended and descended on the ladder of Jacob,
Who delivered the divine law to Moses on Mount Sinai,
Who brought good tidings when Christ was born,
Who ministered to Him in the desert,
Who comforted Him in His agony,
Who sat in white garments at His sepulchre,

Pray for us!

Who appeared to the disciples as He went up into heaven,
Who shall go before Him bearing the standard of the cross when He cometh to judgment,
Who shall gather together the elect at the end of the world,
Who shall separate the wicked from among the just,
Who offer to God the prayers of them that pray,
Who assist us at the hour of death,
Who carried Lazarus into Abraham's bosom,
Who conduct to heaven the souls of the just, cleansed from every stain,
Who perform signs and wonders by the power of God,
Who are sent to minister for those who shall receive the inheritance of salvation,
Who would cure Babylon, and when she will not be cured depart and forsake her,
Who are set over kingdoms and provinces.

Pray for us!

Who have often put to flight armies of enemies,
Who have often delivered God's servants from prison and other perils of this life,
Who have often consoled the holy martyrs in their torments,
Who are wont to cherish with peculiar care the prelates and princes of the Church and all that are under their charge,
All ye holy orders of blessed spirits,
From all dangers,
From the snares of the devil,
From all heresy and schism,
From plague, famine, and war,
From sudden and unlooked-for death,
From everlasting death,
We sinners,
Beseech Thee, hear us!
Through Thy holy angels,
That Thou wouldst spare us,
That Thou wouldst pardon us,
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to govern and preserve Thy holy Church.

Pray for us!

Deliver us, O Lord, by Thy holy angels!

We beseech Thee hear us!

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to protect our Apostolic Prelate and all ecclesiastical Orders,
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to grant peace and security to kings and all Christian princes,
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to give and preserve the fruits of the earth,
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to grant eternal rest to all the faithful departed,

We beseech Thee, hear us!

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord!*
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Graciously hear us, O Lord!*
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy on us, O Lord!*
Lord have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy on us.

Our Father, etc. (*secretly*).

V. Bless the Lord, all ye His angels.

R. Ye that are mighty in strength,

that fulfil His commandments, hearkening unto the voice of His words.

V. Bless the Lord, all ye His hosts,

R. Ye ministers of His that do His will.

V. He hath given His angels charge concerning thee.

R. To keep thee in all thy ways.

V. The angel of the Lord shall encamp round about them that fear Him.

R. And shall deliver them.

V. In the sight of the angels will I sing unto Thee, O my God.

R. I will worship towards Thy holy temple, and will give praise unto Thy name, O Lord.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer,

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

Let us Pray.

O God, Who dispensest the services of angels and men in a wonderful order, mercifully grant that our life may be protected on earth by those who always do Thee service in

heaven. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Novena to St. Michael the Archangel.

(Feast, Sept. 29th. Novena begins Sept. 20th and ends Sept. 28th.)

HYMN.

O Jesus, life-spring of the soul,
The Father's power and glory bright!
Thee with the angels we extol;
From Thee they draw their life and light.

Thy thousand thousand hosts are spread
Embattled o'er the azure sky;
But Michael bears Thy standard dread,
And lifts the mighty cross on high.

He in that sign the rebel powers
Did with their dragon prince expel;
And hurl'd them from the heavens' high towers
Down like a thunderbolt to hell.

Grant us with Michael still, O Lord!
Against the prince of pride to fight;
So may a crown be our reward
Before the Lamb's pure throne of light.

To God the Father glory be,
And to His sole-begotten Son,
The same, O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
While everlasting ages run.
Amen.

Ant. Most glorious prince, Michael the archangel, be thou mindful of us; here, and in all places, pray for us to the Son of God.

V. I will sing praises to Thee, my God, before the angelic host.

R. I will adore Thee in Thy holy temple, and confess unto Thy name.

Let us Pray.

GOD, Who, in the dispensation of Thy providence, dost admirably dispose the ministry of angels and of men, mercifully grant that they who ever minister before Thy throne in heaven may also be the pro

tectors of our life on earth. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Indulgence of 200 days once a day. Plenary indulgence once a month.—Pius VII., May 6, 1817.

For making a novena to St. Michael an indulgence of 300 days each day, and a plenary indulgence either during the novena or on one of the eight days immediately following it.—Pius IX., Nov. 26, 1876.

The same indulgences may be gained by making novenas in honor of St. Gabriel the Archangel and of St. Raphael the Archangel.—Fius IX., Nov. 26, 1876.

Novena to Our Patron Saint.

INSTRUCTION.

To every Catholic the patron saint is a very important personage for his whole life. The name of some saint is given to the child, and the knowledge of this saint and the name seem to have a great deal of influence on the after life of the child. Our patron saint should be a very particular friend of ours; we should know on what day his feast occurs, that we may be able to celebrate it with a novena. We should know the life of this saint, so as to be able to imitate his virtues. Our patron saint is a friend of God, full of the love

of God and His glory; he is in heaven enjoying an eternity of bliss which will be his forever. Under the invocation of this saint we were baptized and consecrated to the service of the Almighty. Churches and institutions are also named in honor of some saint, that they may have him as a protector. These saints have an obligation to look after their charges; they are not omniscient, but in the omnipresence of God they can see what is needed by their foster-children on earth. Our prayers enter into the very heart of God, and the saints who continually contemplate God's goodness see the prayers ascending, and they beg the Father of mercy for grace for those who need it, and help for those who are detached from the things of this world. We must be sure not to honor a saint, to pray to him, or make a novena, simply for the purpose of gaining some temporal advantage; no, we must think first of the kingdom of God, of our own spiritual good and that of our neighbor. We ought to look more to the imitation of the virtues in the lives of the saints, especially our own patron saint, than saying many prayers to them.

First Day.

O holy patron, St. ——, I am about to make this novena in thy honor and for my spiritual

benefit. During the coming nine days I will thank Almighty God for the many graces He has given thee. Thou hast been faithful to all thy duties, and therefore wert so pleasing to God that He became thy great friend. He added grace upon grace, and thou, O holy patron, wert more and more faithful to them, until thou didst attain eminent sanctity, and after thy glorious death didst obtain a high place in heaven.

We should be friends; I ought to know thee better, have more confidence in thee, be more familiar with thee, so that under all circumstances I may quickly think of thee and take my refuge in thee; then the purpose for which God intended thee will be more easily obtained, when I co-operate with God's favors and graces.

The Memorare.

Second Day.

DEAREST patron, St. ——, in Baptism I received thy name and promised to be faithful to God's

love forever. When I was an outcast and under the curse of original sin God called me to be His particular friend. The blood of Jesus Christ, our Saviour, was poured over my head, and I became again an heir of the kingdom of God. I was entrusted to thy care, and thy life was placed before me for my imitation and encouragement. If I follow thee I will certainly arrive in heaven.

Litany of your patron saint if there be any, or the Litany of the Saints.

Third Day.

O my dear patron, St. ——, my life so far has not been what it ought to be. Instead of following God and fulfilling His holy law I have resisted His grace, so that I must have grieved thee very often, my dear patron. But now is the time of grace and blessing, now Almighty God will second thy efforts in my behalf. I will turn from my bad habits and lead a better life. Thou, O my patron, art certainly interested in my eternal welfare. Show me light in my path through

this life. It is not always through malice that I commit sin, but frequently from ignorance. If I had the light I would, with the grace of God, do better. Then, O my patron, obtain it for me.

Litany of the Blessed Virgin in honor of your patron.

Fourth Day.

Pray for me, O holy patron, that I may make a good confession. Having bewailed my sins and past transgressions, I beg of thee to obtain from God a real true conversion, that I may be a new man and a man of God. Almighty God according to His ordinances expects that I shall make a good confession, that I shall tell my sins plainly to a priest, so that the shame added to my contrition may the more certainly obtain the forgiveness of my sins. Effect in me a firm purpose of amendment, so that beginning once more a new life I may persevere to the end.

Litany of the Blessed Virgin.

Fifth Day.

My holy patron, St. ——, I wish to beg of thee help to make a good communion during this novena and ever afterwards to make good and holy communions. I am about to approach the Lord in the Holy Sacrament. I have prayed to thee, my patron, and my heart is inflamed with love of thee; but I must love above all my dear Lord Jesus, Whom I am going to receive, that I may be strengthened in piety and holiness by His sacred presence. I will thank Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for the many graces He has given thee, my patron, which have enabled thee to lead a holy life, and for the glory which has been a reward for thy faithfulness. Then I will beg Jesus in holy communion to give me strength and perseverance, that I may make great progress in the difficult affair of my salvation and obtain everlasting happiness.

Make a visit of thirty minutes to the Blessed Sacrament.

Sixth Day.

My dear patron, St. ——, on this day obtain for me the love of the Blessed Virgin; prostrate thyself at the throne of Mary, and tell her of a poor client of thine here on earth who wishes to obtain her love. Give her my homage; she is the Mother of my dear Jesus, and I have received so many signs of love from her that I know I am dear to her heart. What would I be without her love, where would my wickedness end? O my patron, gain this love for me.

Litany of the Holy Angels.

Seventh Day.

My dear patron, St. ——, one day I shall enjoy the company of all the saints and angels in heaven. I must now cultivate their friendship if I wish to share their happiness. The Church wishes us to venerate the saints of God, who have been such friends of His. They have fought the good fight and conquered Introduce me to the angels, especially

my guardian angel; he is singularly close to you, my patron; the duty of both is nearly the same. Unite your efforts for my welfare here on earth, but more especially obtain that I may enjoy with you the happiness of heaven.

Litany of the Blessed Virgin.

Eighth Day.

O my dear patron, St. ——, I beg of thee the virtues of humility and purity of heart. Humility is the foundation of all virtues. I often think I am gaining in sanctity, but as I so often fail in humility I must acknowledge that I am far from being pleasing to God. I am self-willed, self-sufficient, and independent; these are all vices of pride, and Thou, O my God, dost hate the proud and dost give Thy grace to the meek and humble of heart. Dear patron, thou wast humble, and for that reason God raised thee to a high degree of sanctity, for God has promised to exalt the humble. Dearest St. ——, also obtain for me purity of heart, for without this virtue

I will never enjoy the beatific vision of God.

Litany of St. Joseph.

NINTH DAY.

O my dear patron, St. ——, how thou dost love God in heaven! what a burning furnace of love art thou! Nothing engrosses thy mind but the love of God. Why not extend thy care to me, and obtain that I too may love God with the same ardor? Thou wilt gain this favor for me if I am only willing to co-operate with the grace of God. I should also burn with zeal for His glory, zeal for my own salvation, and zeal for the conversion of sinners. "All for the honor and glory of God" should be my watchword.

Five Our Fathers and Hail Marys.

Novena to St. Joseph.

Feast, March 19th. Novena begins March 10th and ends March 18th.)

DEDICATION TO ST. JOSEPH.

O GLORIOUS descendant of the King of Juda! inheritor of the vir-

tues of all the patriarchs! just and happy St. Joseph! listen to my prayer. Thou art my glorious protector, and shalt ever be, after Jesus and Mary, the object of my most profound veneration and tender confidence. Thou art the most hidden, though the greatest saint, and art peculiarly the patron of those who serve God with the greatest purity and fervor. In union with all those who have ever been most devoted to thee, I now dedicate myself to thy service, beseeching thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Who vouchsafed to love and obey thee as a son, to become a father to me, and to obtain for me the filial respect, confidence, and love of a child towards thee. O powerful advocate of all Christians! whose intercession, as St. Teresa assures us, has never been found to fail, deign to intercede for me now, and to implore for me the particular intention of this novena. [*Specify it.*] Present me, O great saint, to the Adorable Trinity, with Whom thou hadst so glorious and so intimate a correspondence. Ob

tain that I may never efface by sin the sacred image according to the likeness of which I was created. Beg for me that my divine Redeemer will enkindle in my heart, and in all hearts, the fire of His love, and infuse therein the virtues of His adorable infancy, His purity, simplicity, obedience, and humility. Obtain for me likewise a lively devotion to thy virgin spouse, and protect me so powerfully in life and death that I may have the happiness of dying as thou didst, in the friendship of my Creator, and under the immediate protection of the Mother of God.

AN OFFERING TO ST. JOSEPH.

GREAT St. Joseph, thou generous depositary and dispenser of immortal riches, behold us prostrate at thy feet, conjuring thee to receive us as thy servants and as thy children. Next to the sacred hearts of Jesus and Mary, of which thou art the faithful copy, we acknowledge that there is no heart more tender, more compassionate, than thine. What, then, have

we to fear, or, rather, for what should we not hope, if thou dost deign to be our benefactor, our master, our model, our father, and our mediator?

Refuse not, then, this favor, O powerful protector! We ask it of thee by the love thou hast for Jesus and Mary. Into thy hands we remit our souls and bodies, but above all the last moment of our lives. May we, after having honored, imitated, and served thee on earth, eternally sing with thee the mercies of Jesus and Mary. Amen.

REMEMBER TO ST. JOSEPH.

Most glorious St. Joseph, virgin spouse of the immaculate Mother of God, our loving patron, remember that it has never been known that any one invoked thy help or solicited thy protection without obtaining relief. Encouraged by this assurance, we commend our souls and bodies, our temporal and eternal interests, to thy powerful protection. O thou the adopted father of the eternal Son, despise not this

appeal, but listen to our prayer and plead for our necessities. Amen.

Litany of St. Joseph.

(For Private Devotion Only.)

Lord have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.
Jesus hear us.
Jesus graciously hear us.
God the Father of heaven, *Have mercy on us!*
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *Have mercy on us!*
God the Holy Ghost, *Have mercy on us!*
Holy Trinity, one God, *Have mercy on us!*

Holy Mary, spouse of St. Joseph,
St. Joseph, confirmed in grace,
St. Joseph, guardian of the Word Incarnate,
St. Joseph, favorite of the King of heaven,
St. Joseph, ruler of the family of Jesus,
St. Joseph, spouse of the ever-blessed Virgin,

Pray for us!

St. Joseph, nursing-father to the Son of God,
St. Joseph, example of humility and obedience,
St. Joseph, mirror of silence and resignation,
St. Joseph, patron of innocence and youth,
St. Joseph, exiled with Christ in Egypt,
St. Joseph, intercessor for the afflicted,
St. Joseph, advocate for the humble,
St. Joseph, model of every virtue,
St. Joseph, honored among men,
St. Joseph, union of all Christian perfection,
St. Joseph, patron of the dying, } *Pray for us!*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord!*
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Graciously hear us, O Lord!*
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy on us, O Lord!*

. Pray for us, O holy St. Joseph,

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us Pray.

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech Thee, by the merits of the spouse of Thy most holy Mother, that what our unworthiness cannot obtain may be given us by his intercession with Thee, Who livest and reignest with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

BLESSING OF ST. JOSEPH.

MAY the poverty of my sweet and suffering little Child be your riches; His sighs and His tears, the consolation of your days; the love of His infant heart, your all, your earthly treasure; and the clear vision of His adorable and glorified humanity, your eternal joy and recompense. Amen.

For making a novena in honor of St. Joseph an indulgence of 300 days on each day, and a plenary indulgence during the novena or on any one of the eight days following it.—Pius IX., Nov. 21, 1876.

Devotion of the Seven Sundays in Honor of St. Joseph.

INSTRUCTION.

THE Sovereign Pontiffs who have so gloriously occupied the chair of St. Peter in later days have enriched with great indulgences this tender devotion in order to stimulate the faithful to its practice. In virtue of a concession of Pope Gregory XVI. we may gain an indulgence of 300 days on each of the first six Sundays and a plenary indulgence on the seventh Sunday for saying the prayers of the seven sorrows and joys of St. Joseph on any seven consecutive Sundays of the year.

On the 1st of February, 1847, Pope Pius IX., of holy memory, wishing to extend this devotion, added to the indulgences already granted a plenary indulgence on each Sunday, applicable to the souls in purgatory.

On the 22d of March of the same year His Holiness extended this indulgence to those who, owing to some good cause, are unable to recite the prayers of the seven sorrows and joys of St. Joseph, but who say seven Our Fathers and seven Hail Marys and seven Glorias, fulfilling the usual conditions for gaining a plenary indulgence, namely, confession, communion, and prayers for our holy mother the Church.

The faithful servants of St. Joseph

responded earnestly to the desires of the Vicar of Christ, and the precious graces and miracles obtained by this devotion have greatly increased the honor due to the holy patriarch.

This devotion may be performed when we desire to obtain some great favor, or toward the feast of St. Joseph

DEVOUT EXERCISE IN HONOR OF THE SEVEN SORROWS AND SEVEN JOYS OF ST. JOSEPH.

1. PURE husband of most holy Mary, glorious St. Joseph, great was the travail and anguish of thy heart when, in sore perplexity, thou wast minded to put away thy stainless spouse; but unspeakable was thy joy when the angel revealed to thee the high mystery of the incarnation.

By this thy sorrow and thy joy, we pray thee comfort our souls now and in their dying agony with the sweet consolation of a well-spent life, and a death like unto thine own, in the embrace of Jesus and of Mary.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, etc.

2. Thrice-happy patriarch, glori-

ous St. Joseph, chosen to be the foster-father of the Word made man, keen was the pain thou didst feel when thou didst see the Infant Jesus born in abject poverty ; but thy pain was suddenly changed into heavenly joy when upon thee burst the harmony of the angel choirs, and thou didst behold the glory of that refulgent night.

By this thy sorrow and thy joy, we pray thee obtain for us that, when the journey of our life is over, we too may pass to that blessed land where we shall hear the angel chants and enjoy the brightness of eternal glory.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, etc.

3. O thou who wast ever most obedient in fulfilling the law of God, glorious St. Joseph, when at His circumcision the Infant Saviour's precious blood was shed thy heart was pierced through and through ; but with the name of Jesus came again to thee new life and heavenly joy.

By this thy sorrow and thy joy, obtain for us that, freed in life

from the vile yoke of sin, we too may die with joy, with the sweet name of Jesus in our hearts and on our lips.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, etc.

4. Faithful saint, who wast admitted to take part in man's redemption, glorious St. Joseph, Simeon's prophecy of the coming woes of Jesus and Mary filled thy soul with agony like death; but thy soul was filled with blessedness when he foretold salvation and glorious resurrection to innumerable souls.

By this thy sorrow and thy joy, help us with thy prayers to be of those who, by the merits of Jesus and His Virgin Mother, shall be partakers of the glorious resurrection.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, etc.

5. Watchful guardian, bosom-friend of the incarnate Son of God, glorious St. Joseph, how didst thou toil to nurture and to serve the Son of the Most High, especially in the flight into Egypt; but far greater was thy joy in having with thee God

Himself, and in seeing Egypt's idols fall to the earth.

By this thy sorrow and thy joy, obtain for us to keep aloof from the infernal tyrant, quitting all dangerous occasions, that all earthly idols may be cast out from our hearts, and that, employed in the service of Jesus and Mary, we may ever live for them alone, and with them calmly die.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, etc.

6. Angel on earth, glorious St. Joseph, while thou didst marvel at seeing the King of heaven obedient to thy bidding, fear of the tyrant mingled with thy joy when thou didst bring Him back from Egypt; but, reassured by the angel, thou didst dwell at Nazareth with glad heart, in the sweet company of Jesus and Mary.

By this thy sorrow and thy joy, obtain for us that, with heart set free from every hurtful fear, we too may taste the quiet of a tranquil conscience, safely dwelling with Jesus and Mary, and one day die within their loving arms.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, etc.

7. Pattern of all holiness, glorious St. Joseph, without fault of thine thou didst lose the holy Child Jesus, and for three days, to thy great sorrow, didst seek for Him until, with joy unspeakable, thou didst find thy Life amid the doctors in the Temple.

By this thy sorrow and thy joy, we pray thee with all our heart stand between us and danger, that we may never lose Jesus by mortal sin; but if, to our shame and disgrace, we lose Him, may we seek Him with such ceaseless grief that we may find Him propitious to us, especially at the hour of our death, and thus go to enjoy Him in heaven, and there with thee sing His divine mercy forever.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, etc.

Ant. Jesus was about thirty years old, being, as was supposed, the son of Joseph.

V. Pray for us, blessed Joseph.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us Pray.

O God, Who in Thine ineffable providence didst vouchsafe to choose blessed Joseph to be the husband of Thy most holy Mother, grant, we beseech Thee, that we may be made worthy to receive him for our intercessor in heaven whom on earth we venerate as our holy protector. Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

An indulgence of 100 days once a day. An indulgence of 300 days every Wednesday and on every day of the two novenas preceding the feast of St. Joseph, viz., March 19th, and the feast of the Patronage, the third Sunday after Easter. A plenary indulgence on these two feasts to all those who, being truly penitent, shall have gone to confession and communion.—Pius VII., Dec. 9, 1819.

A Devotion for March in Honor of St. Joseph.

Special favors have been obtained by the recital of the following short prayers and versicle in honor of the glorious St. Joseph:

O glorious St. Joseph, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, [illegible]

thee do we raise our hearts and hands to implore thy powerful intercession in obtaining from the benign heart of Jesus all the helps and graces necessary for our spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace of a happy death and the special favor we now implore [*name your request*]. O guardian of the Word Incarnate, we feel animated with confidence that thy prayers in our behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God.

Then the following versicle is to be said seven times in honor of the seven joys and sorrows of St. Joseph:

V. O glorious St. Joseph, through the love thou didst bear to Jesus Christ, and for the glory of His name.

R. Hear our prayers and obtain our petitions.

PRAYER.

O GLORIOUS St. Joseph, spouse of the immaculate Virgin, obtain for me a pure, humble, and charitable mind, and perfect resignation to the divine will. Be my guide, father, and model through life, that I may

merit to die as thou didst in the arms of Jesus and Mary.

EJACULATION.

ST. JOSEPH, friend of the Sacred Heart, pray for us.

Indulgence of 100 days.—Pius IX., June 7 1874.

PRAYER FOR A GOOD DEATH.

O BLESSED Joseph, who didst yield thy last breath in the fond embrace of Jesus and of Mary, when death shall close my career come, holy father, with Jesus and Mary, to aid me, and obtain for me the only solace which I ask at that hour, to die under their protection. Living and dying, into your sacred hands, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I commend my soul.

INVOCATION.

Help us, Joseph, in our earthly strife
Ever to lead a pure and blameless life.

Indulgence of 300 days once a day.—Leo XIII., March 18, 1882.

For performing any practice of devotion on each day of March, in honor of St. Joseph, an indulgence of 300 days on each day and a plenary indulgence on any day of the month.—Pius IX., June 11, 1855.

Other Prayers to St. Joseph.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH, TO BE RECITED AT THE OCTOBER DEVOTIONS.

In the midst of our tribulation we fly to thee, and having implored the aid of thy most holy spouse, we seek with equal confidence thy protection. By the charity which bound thee to the immaculate Virgin Mother of God, by the paternal love with which thou didst encompass the Child Jesus, we implore thee that in thy clemency thou look upon us, who are the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased with His precious blood, and that thou grant us thy powerful help in our needs. Protect, O faithful guardian of the Holy Family, the chosen flock of Jesus Christ; keep far from us all the corruption of error and sin; assist us, thou strong defender from on high, in this our struggle against the powers of darkness; and as thou didst save the Child Jesus from the near peril of death, so do thou defend the holy Church of God from

the snares of her enemies and from every adversity. And to each one of us be thou a constant protector, that like to thee we may live in holiness, die in thy love, and obtain the endless happiness of heaven. Amen.

Indulgence of 7 years and 7 quarantines every time.—Leo XIII., Aug. 15, 1889.

PRAYERS IN HONOR OF ST. JOSEPH FOR THE AGONIZING.

ETERNAL Father, by Thy love for St. Joseph, whom Thou didst select from among all men to represent Thee upon earth, have mercy on us and on the dying.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, etc.

Eternal divine Son, by Thy love for St. Joseph, who was Thy faithful guardian upon earth, have mercy on us and on the dying.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, etc.

Eternal divine Spirit, by Thy love for St. Joseph, who so carefully watched over Mary, Thy beloved spouse, have mercy on us and on the dying.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, etc.

Indulgence of 300 days once a day.—Leo XIII., May 17, 1884.

UNFAILING PETITION TO ST. JOSEPH.

HOLY St. Joseph, spouse of Mary, be mindful of me, pray for me, watch over me. Guardian of the paradise of the new Adam, provide for my temporal wants. Faithful guardian of the most precious of all treasures, I beseech thee to bring this matter to a happy end, if it be for the glory of God and the good of my soul. Amen.

Novena to St. Joachim.

(Feast, Sunday within the octave of the Assumption.)

PRAYER.

O GREAT and glorious patriarch, St. Joachim, how I rejoice in the thought that thou wast selected from among all the saints to co-operate in the divine mysteries, and to enrich the world with the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

By this especial privilege thou didst become most powerful with the Mother and with the Son, so that there is no grace, however great, which thou canst not obtain. Animated with such confidence, I have recourse to thy powerful protection, and recommend to thee all my needs and those of my family, both spiritual and temporal, but particularly the special grace which I desire and expect from thy fatherly intercession. And as thou wert a perfect model of the interior life, obtain for me the grace of recollection and detachment from the fleeting goods of this earth, with a lively and persevering love for Jesus and Mary. Obtain for me also sincere devotion and obedience to holy Church and to the Sovereign Pontiff governing it, that I may live and die in faith, hope, and perfect charity, invoking the holy names of Jesus and Mary, and thus be saved. Amen.

Three Our Fathers, Hail Marys, Glory be to the Father.

An indulgence of 300 days once a day.—Leo XIII., March 20, 1886.

Novena to St. Anne.

(Feast, July 26th. Novena begins July 17th and ends July 25th.)

PRAYER TO ST. ANNE, MOTHER OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

WITH a heart full of sincere filial veneration I prostrate myself before thee, O blessed St. Anne. Thou art that beloved and privileged creature who, because of thy extraordinary virtue and sanctity, didst deserve of God that chief of graces, of giving life to the treasury of grace, the blessed among women, the Mother of the incarnate Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Ah! in consideration of such exalted favors deign, O most tender saint, to receive me among the number of thy truly devoted servants, for such I protest myself to be and wish to remain for the rest of my life. Surround me with thy efficacious patronage, and obtain for me from God the imitation of those virtues with which thou wert so pro-

fusely adorned. Obtain for me a knowledge of my sins and sorrow for them, an ardent love for Jesus and Mary, a faithful and constant observance of the duties of my state of life. Save me from all dangers in life, and assist me at the hour of my death, that I may safely reach paradise, there to praise with thee, most happy mother, the Word of God made man in the womb of thy most pure daughter, the Blessed Virgin Mary. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, etc., *three times.*

Indulgence of 300 days once a day.—Leo XIII., March 20, 1886.

Litany of St. Anne.

(For Private Devotion Only.)

Lord have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.
Christ hear us.
Christ graciously hear us.

God the Father of heaven,
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God the Holy Ghost,
Holy Trinity, one God,
Have mercy on us!

St. Anne,
St. Anne, mother of the Virgin Mary,
St. Anne, spouse of Joachim,
St. Anne, mother-in-law of Joseph,
St. Anne, ark of Noe,
St. Anne, ark of the covenant,
St. Anne, mount of Horeb,
St. Anne, rod of Jesse,
St. Anne, fruitful tree,
St. Anne, fruit-bearing vine,
St. Anne, sprung from the blood of kings,
St. Anne, joy of angels,
St. Anne, grace of patriarchs,
St. Anne, oracle of prophets,
St. Anne, praise of all saints,
St. Anne, glory of priests and levites,
St. Anne, cloud full of dew,
St. Anne, cloud of light,
St. Anne, cloud of brightness,
St. Anne, vessel full of grace,
Pray for us!

St. Anne, mirror of obedience,
St. Anne, mirror of patience,
St. Anne, mirror of compassion,
St. Anne, mirror of devotion,
St. Anne, bulwark of the Church,
St. Anne, refuge of sinners,
St. Anne, protectress of Christians,
St. Anne, deliverer of captives,
St. Anne, consolation of the married,
St. Anne, mother of widows,
St. Anne, directress of virgins,
St. Anne, harbor of safety for voyagers,
St. Anne, sure road of travellers,
St. Anne, support of the weak,
St. Anne, health of the sick,
St. Anne, life of the blind,
St. Anne, tongue of the dumb,
St. Anne, ear of the deaf,
St. Anne, comforter of the afflicted,

Pray for us!

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the

sins of the world, *Graciously hear us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy on us, O Lord!*

Christ Jesus hear us.

Chist Jesus graciously hear us.

V. Pray for us, St. Anne.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us Pray.

O ALMIGHTY and eternal God, Who didst vouchsafe to choose St. Anne to bring into the world the Mother of Thy only Son, mercifully grant to us, we beseech Thee, who devoutly honor her memory, grace to obtain, through her merits, the blessings of eternal life. Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER TO ST. ANNE.

GLORIOUS and holy queen, whom the heavens admire, whom the saints honor, and the earth reveres, God the Father loves thee as the

mother of His beloved daughter; the Son of God loves thee for having given Him a mother, from whom He took His life and became Saviour of mankind; the Holy Ghost loves thee for having given to Him so beautiful, so worthy, and so perfect a spouse; the angels and the elect honor thee as the mother of their sovereign; the just, the penitent, and the sinner consider thee their powerful advocate before God, for by thy intercession the just hope for an increase of grace, the penitent for their justification, and sinners for the remission of their sins. Be, then, kind and generous, and while we invoke thee here below pray for us in heaven. Use in our favor the great influence thou hast before God, and permit not that those who know thee be lost. Show thyself always the refuge of sinners and the asylum of the guilty, the consolation of the afflicted, and give us the pledge of thy kindness. Defend our cause now and at the hour of our death. This we pray of thee by all the love which thou hast for Our Lord and for His Mother,

thy daughter, that thus sustained by thy prayers we may one day possess eternal life. Amen.

PRAYER TO ST. ANNE TO OBTAIN SOME SPECIAL FAVOR.

GLORIOUS St. Anne, filled with compassion for those who invoke thee and with love for those who suffer, heavily laden with the weight of my troubles, I cast myself at thy feet and humbly beg of thee to take the present affair which I recommend to thee under thy special protection. Vouchsafe to recommend it to thy daughter, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and lay it before the throne of Jesus, so that He may bring it to a happy issue. Cease not to intercede for me until my request is granted. Above all, obtain for me the grace of one day beholding my God face to face, and with thee and Mary and all the saints praising and blessing Him through all eternity. Amen.

Invocation. — Good St. Anne, mother of her who is our life, our

sweetness, and our hope, pray to her for us and obtain our request. (*Three times.*)

Novena to St. Peter.

(Feast, June 29th. Novena begins June 20th and ends June 28th.)

PRAYER.

O GLORIOUS Apostle St. Peter, head of Christ's Church on earth, to whom were confided the keys of the kingdom of heaven; illustrious penitent, whose sincere and perfect repentance has exhibited to the whole world the tenderest proof of God's love and mercy, listen to my supplications and present them to God. I unite with the whole Church in thanksgiving to our divine Redeemer for having chosen thee to become a lasting monument of His willingness to receive the repentant sinner. O dear St. Peter! obtain for me a lively faith, firm hope, ardent charity, an entire forgetfulness of self, contempt of the world, patience, humility, attention at prayer, constancy in my

resolutions, resignation to the divine will, final perseverance, and the intention of this novena [*here name your request*], that by thy intercession and glorious merits, having overcome the temptations of the demon, the world, and the flesh, I may be worthy to appear before the sovereign Pastor of souls, Jesus Christ, and to enjoy Him and love Him forever and ever. Amen.

RESPONSORY IN HONOR OF ST. PETER.

SEEK ye a patron to defend
Your cause? Then one and all,
Without delay, upon the prince
Of the apostles call.

Blest holder of the heavenly keys,
Thy prayers we all implore;
Unlock to us the sacred bars
Of heaven's eternal door.

By penitential tears thou didst
The path of life regain;
Teach us with thee to weep our sins
And wash away their stain.

Blest holder, etc.

The angel touched thee, and forthwith
Thy chains from off thee fell;
Oh! loose us from the subtle coils
That bind us fast to hell
Blest holder, etc.

Firm rock whereon the Church is based,
Pillar that cannot bend,
With strength endue us, and the faith
From heresy defend.
Blest holder, etc.

Save Rome, which from the days of old
Thy love hath sanctified;
And help the nations of the earth
That in thy help confide.
Blest holder, etc.

Oh! worshipped by all Christendom,
Her realms in peace maintain;
Let no contagion sap her strength,
No discord rend in twain.
Blest holder, etc.

The weapons which our ancient foe
Against us doth prepare,
Crush thou; nor suffer us to fall
Into his deadly snare.

Blest holder, etc.

Guard us through life; and in that hour
When our last flight draws nigh,
O'er death, o'er hell, o'er Satan's power,
Gain us the victory.

Blest holder, etc.

Glory be, etc.

Blest holder, etc.

Ant. Thou art the shepherd of the sheep, prince of the apostles; to thee were given the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

V. Thou art Peter.

R. And upon this rock will I build My Church.

Let us Pray.

LORD, we beseech Thee, raise us up by the apostolic might of blessed Peter, Thine apostle, that the weaker we are in ourselves the

more powerful may be the succors whereby, through his intercession, we are strengthened; and that thus, ever fortified by the protection of Thine apostle, we may never yield to sin nor be overwhelmed by adversity. Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Indulgence of 100 days once a day. A plenary indulgence on the feast of St. Peter's Chains (Aug. 1st) and of the Chair of St. Peter at Rome (Jan. 18th), provided that on these days, being truly penitent, after confession and communion, they shall visit a church or altar dedicated to the saint and pray for the intention of the Sovereign Pontiff.—Pius VI., June 22, 1782.

Litany of St. Peter.

(For Private Devotion Only.)

Lord have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.
Christ hear us.
Christ graciously hear us.
God the Father of heaven, *Have mercy on us!*
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *Have mercy on us!*

God the Holy Ghost, *Have mercy on us!*
Holy Trinity, one God, *Have mercy on us!*

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Queen conceived without sin,
St. Peter, prince of the apostles,
St. Peter, who wast the first to leave all at the call of Jesus,
St. Peter, who didst receive thy name from the Lord Jesus,
St. Peter, who wast named the first of the apostles,
St. Peter, who didst walk on the waters with Jesus,
St. Peter, who didst know and confess the divinity of Jesus from the heavenly Father,
St. Peter, who didst accompany Jesus to Mount Thabor,
St. Peter, to whom was given the keys of the kingdom of heaven,
St. Peter, who hadst more love for Jesus than any of the other apostles,
St. Peter, so ardent for the glory of Christ,
St. Peter, whose heart was

Pray for us!

pierced with one look from Jesus,

St. Peter, for whom Jesus prayed that thy faith should not fail,

St. Peter, who ceased not to grieve for having denied the Son of God,

St. Peter, whose cheeks were furrowed by a stream of tears which flowed to the end of thy life,

St. Peter, who cried out, "Lord, Thou knowest that I love Thee!"

St. Peter, who received the commission to confirm thy brethren,

St. Peter, who alone with Jesus didst establish the foundation of the Church,

St. Peter, who wast the first of the apostles to see Jesus after the resurrection,

St. Peter, who wast the first at the tomb of Jesus,

St. Peter, who wast the first after the descent of the Holy Ghost to announce the Gospel,

St. Peter, who consecrated to

Pray for us!

the Lord the first-fruits of the nations,

St. Peter, for whom the Church prayed with solicitude when thou wast in prison and wast delivered therefrom by an angel,

St. Peter, who by the disposing of Divine Providence didst establish the see of Rome,

St. Peter, to whom it was granted, according to the promises of Jesus, to die as He did on the cross,

St. Peter, who livest and presidest still in thy see and intercedest without ceasing for holy Church,

St. Peter, whose very shadow healed the sick,

St. Peter, whose voice even the dead obey,

That we may have a constant mutual charity among ourselves,

That we may taste and see more and more how sweet the Lord is,

Pray for us!

That we may be prudent and watch in prayer,
That we may die the death of the just,
} *Pray for us!*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Graciously hear us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy on us, O Lord!*

Let us Pray.

O GLORIOUS apostle, who didst receive the power of loosing and binding, pray for us, that, being free from all sin, we may live and die in the grace of God. Obtain, then, for us a perfect faith, firm hope, ardent charity, that as we draw nearer to the close of life we may daily grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. Guide us, O blessed apostle, through all the dangers of exile till fear and grief be over. O humble martyr of Christ, thou who now beholdest Him not as

on Thabor, but in the full splendor of His glory, pray for us now and at the hour of death. Oh! then, come, blessed apostle, and take us to Jesus, that we too may love Him eternally. Amen.

Novena to St. Paul the Apostle.

(Feast, June 29th. Novena begins June 20th and ends June 28th.)

PRAYER FOR THE PRELATES AND PASTORS OF HOLY CHURCH.

O BLESSED victim of charity, whose heart was consumed with the most ardent zeal for the glory of God, be not insensible to the unbounded confidence we repose in thy intercession. We entreat of thee in particular, by that tender charity which on earth would have made thee sacrifice ten thousand lives to benefit one soul, to obtain for our prelates and pastors that ardent zeal for the salvation of others and union with God which are essential to their holy vocations, as they were to thine.

Beg for them from the adorable heart of Jesus a constant increase of

divine love, great purity of intention, a continual sense of the presence of God, and such a faithful imitation of thy virtues as may at length rank them among those who owe their perfection and salvation to thy prayers and example.

Penetrated with gratitude to God for their having been consecrated to His divine service, we now beseech thee to present their hearts to Jesus, our dear Saviour, that by thy intercession they may be replenished with the true spirit of their holy state.

Obtain for our prelates and pastors, O glorious St. Paul, the particular favors we ask for them in this novena. [*Here name your request.*] We thank the Almighty for having crowned thy zeal with eternal glory and confirmed thee forever in the possession of the divine and only object of thy affections. Amen.

RESPONSORY IN HONOR OF ST. PAUL.

ALL ye who groan beneath
A load of ills oppressed,
Entreat St. Paul, and he will pray
The Lord to give you rest.

O victim dear to heaven!
O Paul, thou teacher true!
Thou joy and love of Christendom!
To thee for help we sue.

Pierced by the flame of love
Descending from on high,
'Twas thine to preach the faith which once
Thou soughtest to destroy.
O victim, etc.

Nor toil, nor threatened death,
Nor tempest, scourge, or chain,
Could from th' assembly of the saints
Thy loving heart detain.
O victim, etc.

Oh! by that quenchless love
Which burnt in thee of yore,
Take pity on our miseries,
Our fainting hope restore.
O victim, etc.

True champion of the Lord,
Crush thou the scheme of hell
And with adoring multitudes
Thy sacred temple fill.
O victim, etc.

Through thy prevailing prayer
May charity abound—
Sweet charity, which knows no ill,
Which nothing can confound.
O victim, etc.

To earth's remotest shores
May one same faith extend,
And thy epistles through all climes
Their blessed perfume send.
O victim, etc.

Grant us the will and power
To serve the God of might,
Lest, wavering still and unprepared,
We sink in depths of night.
O victim, etc.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
O victim, etc.

Ant. This is My vessel of election, to carry My name among the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel.

V. Pray for us, O blessed Apostle Paul.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, Who, in Thy divine compassion, didst direct Thy blessed Apostle Paul what to do that he might be filled with Thy Holy Spirit, grant that we may be so counselled by his teaching and aided by his merits that, serving Thee in fear and trembling, we too may be filled with the consolation of Thy heavenly gifts, through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

An indulgence of 100 days. A plenary indulgence on the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul (Jan. 25th) as well as on the feast of his Commemoration (June 30th), provided that, being truly penitent, after confession and communion, they shall visit a church or altar dedicated to the same holy apostle and pray there devoutly.—Pius VII., Jan. 23, 1806.

Novena to SS. Peter and Paul.

(Feast, June 29th. Novena begins June 20th and ends June 28th.)

PRAYER.

O BLESSED Apostles St. Peter and St. Paul, I, [N.N.], take you this day for my special protectors and advocates with God. In all humility I rejoice with thee, blessed Peter, prince of the apostles, because thou art the rock whereon God has built His Church; and I rejoice with thee too, blessed Paul, because thou wast chosen of God for a vessel of election and preacher of the truth throughout the world. Ask for me, I pray you both, a lively faith, firm hope, and perfect charity; entire detachment for myself, contempt of the world, patience in adversity, humility in prosperity, attention in prayer, purity of heart, right intention in my works, diligence in the fulfilment of all the duties of my state of life, constancy in my good resolutions, resignation to the holy will of God, perseverance in His

grace even unto death, that by your joint intercession and your glorious merits I may overcome the temptations of the world, of the flesh, and of the devil, and be made worthy to stand before the face of the chief and eternal Bishop of souls, Jesus Christ, Our Lord, to enjoy Him and to love Him for all eternity, Who with the Father and Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth world without end. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be, etc.

Indulgence of 100 days once a day. Plenary indulgence on any of the feasts of St. Peter and St. Paul, or on any of the nine days preceding or within their octaves, to those who, being truly penitent, after confession and communion, shall visit with devotion a church or an altar dedicated to these holy apostles and say there, with contrite heart, this prayer, praying for His Holiness.—Pius VI., July 28, 1778.

Novena of Nine Tuesdays in Honor of St. Anthony.

(Feast, June 13th.)

INSTRUCTION.

ST. ANTHONY'S death occurred on Friday, and his burial was ap-

pointed for the following Tuesday. No miracles had been performed through the saint's intercession until the latter day, when the sacred remains were taken to their last resting-place. Tuesday was, therefore, from that time naturally chosen as a day especially appropriate for devotion to St. Anthony, and that such choice was acceptable to God has been confirmed by innumerable indications ever since. It was not, however until nearly 400 years after the death of the saint that the peculiar novena of nine successive Tuesdays was recommended by himself. The occasion was as follows: In the year 1617, at Bologna, a lady of rank besought St. Anthony with special fervor to obtain for her a particular grace. She was assured by an unwonted sense of interior consolation that her prayer had been heard, and in the following night she beheld the saint in a dream, encircled with rays, and heard him say: "O woman, for nine Tuesdays, one after the other, make visits to the church of my Order; on each of those days approach the holy sacraments of penance and of the altar; then pray before my picture, and what you ask you shall obtain." The pious lady performed the novena according to these directions, and obtained what she had so fervently implored.

The novena of nine Tuesdays in honor of St. Anthony of Padua rapidly

spread all over the Catholic world. How pleasing to God and St. Anthony the exercise of this devotion is we learn from the countless miracles and graces which God has been pleased to vouchsafe through its means.

PREPARATORY PRAYER.

O GLORIOUS St. Anthony, safe refuge of the afflicted and distressed, who through a miraculous revelation hast directed all those who seek thy aid to approach thy altar, with the promise that whoever visits it for nine consecutive Tuesdays and there piously invokes thee will feel the power of thy intercession, I, a poor sinner, encouraged by this promise, come to thee to-day with a firm hope, and I rejoice in the great honor which our holy mother the Church has shown to thee in placing Thy image on her altars. I pour forth my prayer to thee; I implore thy aid, thy protection, thy counsel, and thy blessing. Obtain for me, I beseech thee, my request in this necessity [*name it*], provided it be not opposed to the will of God and

the welfare of my soul. Should such, however, be the case, obtain for me such other graces as shall be conducive to my salvation. Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER TO THE INFANT JESUS IN THE ARMS OF ST. ANTHONY.

O JESUS, my Saviour! Who didst vouchsafe to appear to St. Anthony in the form of an infant, I implore Thee, through the love Thou didst bear to this saint when he dwelt on earth, and which Thou now bearest to him in heaven, graciously hear my prayer and assist me in my necessities, Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God! Who didst glorify Thy faithful confessor, Anthony, with the perpetual gift of working miracles, graciously grant that what we confidently seek through his merits we may surely receive through his intercession, through Christ, Our Lord Amen.

RESPONSORY OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA.

If miracles thou fain wouldst see,
Lo! error, death, calamity,
The leprous stain, the demon flies,
From beds of pain the sick arise

The hungry seas forego their prey,
The prisoner's cruel chains give way,
While palsied limbs, and chattels lost,
Both young and old recovered boast.

And perils perish; plenty's hoard
Is heaped on hunger's famished board.
Let those relate who know it well,
Let Padua of her patron tell.

The hungry seas, etc.

May glory to the Father be,
And to the Son eternally,
And to the Spirit, in essence one,
In persons three, be honor done.

The hungry seas, etc.

V. Pray for us, blessed Anthony.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us Pray.

O God! let the votive commemoration of blessed Anthony, Thy confessor, be a source of joy to Thy Church, that she may always be fortified with spiritual assistance and may deserve to possess eternal joy, through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Indulgence of 100 days. Plenary indulgence once a month on any day to all those who shall have said it for a month provided that, being truly penitent, after confession and communion, they shall visit a church or public oratory and there pray for some time for the intention of His Holiness. — Pius IX., Jan. 25, 1866.

Litany of St. Anthony.

(For Private Devotion Only.)

Lord have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy on us
Lord have mercy on us.
Christ hear us.
Christ graciously hear us.
God the Father of heaven,
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God the Holy Ghost,
Holy Trinity, one God,
Have mercy on us!

Holy Mary,
Holy Father Francis,
St. Anthony of Padua,
Glory of the Order of Friars Minor,
Martyr in desiring to die for Christ,
Pillar of the Church,
Worthy priest of God,
Apostolic preacher,
Teacher of truth,
Conqueror of heretics,
Terror of evil spirits,
Comforter of the afflicted,
Helper in necessities,
Deliverer of captives,
Guide of the erring,
Restorer of lost things,
Chosen intercessor,
Continuous worker of miracles,
Pray for us!

Be merciful unto us, *Spare us, O Lord!*
Be merciful unto us, *Hear us, O Lord!*

From all evil,
From all sin,
From all dangers of body and soul,
From the snares of the devil,
From pestilence, famine, and war,
O Lord, deliver us!

From eternal death,
Through the merits of St. Anthony,
Through his zeal for the conversion of sinners,
Through his desire for the crown of martyrdom,
Through his fatigues and labors,
Through his preaching and teaching,
Through his penitential tears,
Through his patience and humility,
Through his glorious death,
Through the number of his prodigies,
In the day of judgment,

O Lord, deliver us!

We sinners,
That Thou vouchsafe to bring us to true penance,
That Thou vouchsafe to grant us patience in our trials,
That Thou vouchsafe to assist us in our necessities,
That Thou vouchsafe to hear our prayers and petitions,
That Thou vouchsafe to kindle the fire of divine love within us,

We beseech Thee, hear us!

That Thou vouchsafe us the protection and intercession of St. Anthony;
Son of God,
We beseech Thee, hear us!
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord!*
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Graciously hear us, O Lord!*
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy on us!*
Christ hear us!
Christ graciously hear us.

V. Pray for us, O blessed St. Anthony.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God! Who didst glorify Thy faithful confessor, Anthony, with the perpetual gift of working miracles, graciously grant that what we confidently seek through his merits we may surely receive through his intercession, through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, may Thy holy confessor, Anthony intercede for us, upon whom, adorned with heroic virtues, Thou didst bestow the gift of miracles, even unto working prodigious signs and wonders, through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER TO ST. ANTHONY FOR THE RESTORATION OF THINGS LOST OR STOLEN.

O BLESSED St. Anthony! the grace of God has made thee a powerful advocate in all necessities and the patron for the restoration of things lost or stolen: to thee I turn to-day with childlike love and heartfelt confidence. Oh, how many thousands hast thou miraculously aided in the recovery of lost goods! Thou wast the counsellor of the erring, the comforter of the afflicted, the healer of the sick, the raiser of the dead, the deliverer of the captive, the refuge of the afflicted: to thee do I hasten. O blessed St. Anthony! help me in my present affliction. I recommend what I have lost to thy

care, in the secure hope that thou wilt restore it to me if it be to the greater glory of God and to the spiritual welfare of my soul, that I may praise and thank thee, in time and eternity, for thy glorious intercession in my behalf. Amen.

PRAYER TO ST. ANTHONY.

We salute thee, St. Anthony, lily of purity, ornament and glory of Christianity! We salute thee, great saint, cherub of wisdom and seraph of divine love! We rejoice at the favors Our Lord has so liberally bestowed on thee. In humility and confidence we entreat thee to help us, for we know that God has given thee charity and pity as well as power. Oh! then, behold our distress, our anxiety, our fears concerning—[*here name your request*]. We ask thee by the love thou dist feel towards the amiable little Jesus when He covered thee with His caresses. Oh! tell Him now of our wants. One sigh from that breast He so honored will crown our success, will fill us with joy. Oh! remember how com-

plete thy bliss was as thou didst hold Him to thy breast, didst press thy cheek to His, and didst listen to His angelic voice.

Think of this and hear us for His condescending love. If we could behold thee we would bathe thy feet with respectful tears and tell thee all we feel, all we fear for this ——— But to see thee is not granted to us ; therefore we salute thee in spirit, O glorious favorite of God, and bow our guilty heads before thee in humble reverence, while we raise our sad hearts full of hope towards heaven and thee, for He Who so often put Himself in thy arms will now fill thy hands with all we ask of thee. Give us, then, what we desire, angel of love, and we will publish thy grandeur, thereby to honor and glorify Him Who so blessed thee. Amen.

St. Anthony, whom the Infant Jesus so much loved and honored, grant us what we ask of thee.

St. Anthony, powerful in word and work, grant us what we ask of thee.

St. Anthony, attentive to those who invoke thee, grant us what we ask of thee.

CLOSING PRAYER OF THE NOVENA.

O BLESSED St. Anthony, my faithful intercessor, I have now, through the grace of God and thy assistance, finished the pious exercises in thy honor. I have, indeed, the will and desire to do all in my power for thy greater honor and glory, but thou knowest my weakness and misery and want of devotion; wherefore I beseech thee to make amends for all my failings, and to offer thy merits and good works for me, that I may find grace and hearing with God. Obtain for me through thy merits the blessing of a virtuous life, a true knowledge of my God and of myself, a perfect mortification of my senses, and a complete triumph over all temptations. I place myself under thy special protection, assist me to follow thy example in life and come to my aid in death—in that dread moment let me experience the might of thy help. Amen.

Novena to St. Aloysius.

(Feast, June 21st. Novena begins June 12th and ends June 20th.)

INSTRUCTION.

To name St. Aloysius Gonzaga is to call forth a picture of the most sublime and most amiable virtue. You cannot represent him without feeling the desire of sanctifying yourself and fulfilling as he did with faith, love, and perfection the ordinary duties of life. Prayer, study, pastime—all contribute equally alike in making his day profitable before the Lord; these days, so short and few for him, have been worth an eternity of glory and happiness. His least actions have brought brilliant gems to his crown, which will encircle his brow for all eternity. If the example of St. Aloysius induces us to work seriously at our salvation, his protection assures us at the same time the necessary helps in the pursuit of it. Jesus and Mary can refuse nothing in heaven to those who have loved them on earth. Renew, then, to-day your devotion to this young and amiable saint; make the resolution to pray to him every day, to take him for a model and for a patron; imitate his obedience and that angelic purity which makes him so dear to the spouse of pure souls and to the Virgin of virgins

PRAYER TO ST. ALOYSIUS.

O BLESSED Aloysius, adorned with angelic graces, I, thy most unworthy suppliant, recommend specially to thee the chastity of my soul and body, praying thee by thy angelic purity to plead for me with Jesus Christ, the immaculate Lamb, and His most holy Mother, the Virgin of virgins, that they would vouchsafe to keep me from all grievous sin. Oh! never let me be defiled with any stain of impurity, but when thou dost see me in temptation, or in danger of falling, then remove far from my heart all bad thoughts and unclean desires, and awaken in me the memory of eternity to come and Jesus crucified; impress deeply in my heart a sense of the holy fear of God; and thus, kindling in me the fire of divine love, enable me so to follow thy footsteps here on earth that, in heaven with thee, I may be made worthy to enjoy the vision of our God forever. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary.

Indulgence of 100 days once a day.—Pius VII., March 6, 1802.

Litany of St. Aloysius.

(For Private Devotion Only.)

LORD have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.
Jesus hear us.
Jesus graciously hear us.

God the Father of heaven,
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God the Holy Ghost,
Holy Trinity, one God,
Have mercy on us.

St. Aloysius, overwhelmed with the blessings of God and filled with the Holy Ghost,
St. Aloysius, worthy confessor of Jesus Christ,
St. Aloysius, devout adorer of the Blessed Sacrament,
St. Aloysius, faithful servant of the Blessed Virgin,
St. Aloysius, example of humility,
St. Aloysius, lover of poverty,
St. Aloysius, full of obedience,
St. Aloysius, admirable in thy patience,
Pray for us!

St. Aloysius, most powerful in heaven,
St. Aloysius, honor and glory of youth,
St. Aloysius, patron of schools,
St. Aloysius, imitator of angelic life,
St. Aloysius, bright light of the Church,
Pray for us!

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Graciously hear us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy on us, O Lord!*

Let us Pray.

O God, the Distributor of celestial gifts, Who hast given to St. Aloysius the grace to join admirable innocence of life to the rigors of penance, grant by the merits of his prayers that we who have had the misfortune of not imitating him in his innocence may have the grace of

imitating his penance. Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER TO OBTAIN THE VIRTUES OF ST. ALOYSIUS.

Ant. He was filled with goodness and sweetness, modest in his looks, simple and pure in his life, and versed from his infancy in the practice of all virtues.

V. Remember, amiable saint, the days of thy exile.

R. Pray to the Lord for us and recommend to Him our greatest necessities.

Let us Pray.

AMIABLE saint, who dost protect infancy and whose angelic virtues are placed before me for my imitation, deign to help those who make an effort to reach God by imitating thee. Help me, I beg of thee, to acquire thy humility, meekness, obedience, purity, compassion for the unfortunate, and thy tender and solid piety towards Jesus. Grant that under thy protection I may have the happiness of preserving here below

the precious gift of innocence, so as to receive, as thou didst, an immortal crown in heaven. Amen.

ACT OF CONSECRATION TO ST. ALOYSIUS.

GREAT saint, whom angelic purity has rendered so agreeable to the eyes of God and so dear to the Queen of virgins, I place myself specially under thy protection, and I choose thee to-day before heaven and in the presence of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of the whole celestial court for my patron and intercessor before God. I beg of thee be the protector and guardian of my innocence, my guide and counsellor of a state in life. Thou art a model of all virtues: obtain for me the grace to imitate with fervor thy purity, thy modesty, and all the virtues which I ought to practise. Deign, great saint, to be the guardian angel of my days and my guide in the way of salvation. Grant, O my amiable protector, that, being particularly attached to thee by this consecration which I make to thee of

myself, I may feel the effects of thy special protection during the whole course of my life, and especially at the terrible moment which is to decide my fate for all eternity. Amen.

Devotion for the Six Sundays in Honor of St. Aloysius.

In order to excite among young Catholics devotion to St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Pope Clement XII. granted by two decrees, Dec. 11, 1738, and Jan. 7, 1740, for all times, a plenary indulgence on any one of the six Sundays preceding the feast of the saint, June 21st, or at any other time during the year, provided that these six Sundays shall follow each other without interruption, and confession and communion be made, and prayers be said for the needs of the Church. On each of the six Sundays make pious meditations, vocal prayers, or some other work of piety in honor of St. Aloysius. Though the Holy Father does not prescribe any particular prayer in honor of the saint, we are exhorted earnestly to meditate each Sunday on some of his virtues, and say six Our Fathers and six times the Glory be to the Father in memory of the six years during which he was a Religious. These prayers can be said at home, although

it were better to say them in a church where there is an altar of St. Aloysius.

Novena to St. Stanislaus Kostka.

(Feast, Nov. 13th. Novena begins Nov. 4th and ends Nov. 12th.)

PRAYER.

O God, Who, among the wonders of Thy grace, didst grant to St. Stanislaus from an early age the grace of an accomplished sanctity, grant us, we beseech Thee, the grace of redeeming the time past by continually practising good works, that thus we may attain eternal rest. Grant us, also, O Lord, through the powerful intercession of this holy saint the favors we solicit through this novena. Amen.

INDULGENCED PRAYERS TO ST. STANISLAUS.

My most pure patron, St. Stanislaus, angel of purity, I rejoice with thee for that marvellous gift of virginal purity which graced thy spotless heart. I humbly pray thee

obtain for me strength against all impure temptations, and inspire me with a constant watchfulness to guard the virtue of holy purity.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, etc.

My most loving patron, St. Stanislaus, seraph of charity, I rejoice with thee for the burning flame of love which ever kept thy pure and innocent heart elevated to God and united with Him. I humbly pray thee kindle in me a flame of the love of God so burning as to consume all earthly love, and set me all on fire with His love alone.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, etc.

My most tender and most mighty patron, St. Stanislaus, angel of purity and seraph of charity, I rejoice with thee for thy most happy death—a death occasioned by the ardor of thy desire to contemplate Mary assumed into heaven, and caused at last by love for her. I give thanks to Mary because she willed to accomplish Thy desires; and I pray thee, gracious saint, by the merit of thy

death, be thou my advocate and my patron in death. Oh! intercede with Mary for me, to obtain for me a death, if not so happy as thine, at least calm and peaceful under the safe-conduct of Mary, my advocate, and of thee, my special patron.

Indulgence of 300 days once a day. A plenary indulgence once a month to all those who shall have said these three prayers once a day at least for a month on the day when, being truly penitent, after confession and communion, they shall visit a church and pray for some time for the intention of His Holiness.—Pius IX., March 27, 1847.

For making a novena in honor of the saint an indulgence of 100 days every day of the novena preceding the feast —Leo. XII., Jan. 21 and Feb. 25, 1826.

LITANY OF ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA.

(For Private Devotion Only.)

LORD have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.
Christ hear us.
Christ graciously hear us.

God the Father of heaven, *Have mercy on us!*
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *Have mercy on us!*
God the Holy Ghost, *Have mercy on us!*
Holy Trinity, one God, *Have mercy on us!*

Holy Mary,
Holy Mother of God,
Holy Mary, conceived without sin,
St. Stanislaus Kostka,
St. Stanislaus Kostka, destined to the service of God from thy conception,
St. Stanislaus Kostka, faithful follower of Jesus Christ,
St. Stanislaus Kostka, well-beloved child of Mary,
St. Stanislaus Kostka, called by her to the company of Jesus,
St. Stanislaus Kostka, faithful to the vocation and grace of God,
St. Stanislaus Kostka, most worthy son of St. Ignatius,
St. Stanislaus Kostka, fair ornament of the company of Jesus,

Pray for us!

St. Stanislaus Kostka, model and patron of novices,
St. Stanislaus Kostka, enemy of the world and of its riches,
St. Stanislaus Kostka, contemner of human glory,
St. Stanislaus Kostka, severe chastiser of thine innocent flesh,
St. Stanislaus Kostka, admirable in thy matchless purity,
St. Stanislaus Kostka, vanquisher of every evil passion,
St. Stanislaus Kostka, exact observer of religious discipline,
St. Stanislaus Kostka, devout adorer of the Sacrament of the Altar,
St. Stanislaus Kostka, treasure of heavenly graces,
St. Stanislaus Kostka, mirror of obedience,
St. Stanislaus Kostka, mirror of humility and patience,
St. Stanislaus Kostka, model of candor, modesty, and piety,
St. Stanislaus Kostka, ardent lover of evangelical poverty,

Pray for us!

St. Stanislaus Kostka, wise above thy years,
St. Stanislaus Kostka, lover of brotherly charity,
St. Stanislaus Kostka, penetrated with self-content,
St. Stanislaus Kostka, victim of divine love,
St. Stanislaus Kostka, example of Christian youth,
St. Stanislaus Kostka, honored with the sensible presence of the Infant Jesus,
St. Stanislaus Kostka, an angel in thy life and manners,
St. Stanislaus Kostka, fed by angels with bread from heaven,
St. Stanislaus Kostka, an apostle in zeal and merits,
St. Stanislaus Kostka, a martyr in faith and desire,
St. Stanislaus Kostka, a confessor in constant piety,
St. Stanislaus Kostka, ushered into heaven amid a choir of virgins,
St. Stanislaus Kostka, perfect in all virtues notwithstanding thy short life,

Pray for us!

St. Stanislaus Kostka, the ornament and glory of thy ancestors,
St. Stanislaus Kostka, the stay and prop of thrones,
St. Stanislaus Kostka, the refuge and the safety of all who call upon thee,
St. Stanislaus Kostka, illustrious in the miracles wrought before and after thy decease,
St. Stanislaus Kostka, most blessed citizen of the heavenly Jerusalem,

Pray for us!

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord!*
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Graciously hear us, O Lord!*
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy on us, O Lord!*
Christ hear us.
Christ graciously hear us.

V. Pray for us, St. Stanislaus.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us Pray.

O God, Who, among other miracles of Thy wisdom, hast bestowed even in tender age the grace of matured sanctity, grant, we beseech Thee that redeeming the time by instant labor, after the example of blessed Stanislaus, we may hasten to enter into eternal rest. Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Novena to St. Ignatius.

(Feast, July 31st. Novena begins July 22d and ends July 30th.)

Before you begin the prayers of this novena, first make an act of the presence of God, and disengage your mind as far as possible from all worldly concerns and distractions; then, most profoundly humbling yourself, lift up your heart to God in adoration of the Most Blessed Trinity and, making the sign of the cross, say the following prayer:

Lord God of heaven and earth, Who art the beginning and end of all created things! behold me in Thy divine presence, who am nothing but a wretched, miserable sinner; yet, O eternal Lord! I am

still the work of Thy sacred hands —not, indeed, made wretched by Thee, but brought to this wretchedness and misery through the malice of the devil, the deceitful vanities of the world, and the allurements of the flesh. This deplorable state of sin has deprived me of those great favors Thy mercy had prepared for the support of those who should love and fear Thee. And just it is, O great God! that Thou shouldst withhold from me whatever Thou didst intend for my support and comfort. This, O Lord! I acknowledge and confess. My infidelities and sins call forcibly on Thy divine majesty to arise and confound me. Against Thee, O Lord! I have sinned; my evils have been committed in Thy sight; all the abominations of my life are laid open to Thy all-seeing eye.

But wretched and miserable as I am I still see Thy bleeding wounds, O dearest Redeemer! pleading for me, and turning from my guilty soul the wrath of Thy eternal Father; wresting from His divine justice a

promise of pardon to all who will sincerely repent and return to their duty. Prostrated, therefore, at the foot of Thy cross, O bountiful Redeemer! I offer to Thee a heart filled with sorrow and repentance for the many grievous sins of my past life. Oh! make this sorrow such as Thou wouldst have it. View the wounds of Thy blessed body, which let out the last drop of Thy sacred blood for me. Remember Thy love and Thy desire for my salvation, and grant the sincere petition of my heart. Let my heart love Thee, and detest all sin and infidelity for the love of Thee. Let my heart be nailed in affection and love to Thy holy cross, and remain forever with Thee, that I may make some reparation for my many and grievous offences. Grant me this favor at present, O my God, and extend it to the hour of my death. Amen.

O glorious St. Ignatius! chosen in the designs of God from eternity to be the founder of His much-beloved society and the father of innumerable saints, vouchsafe to pray for

me, and guide my petition in this novena, that I may ask nothing but what is to the greater honor and glory of Almighty God and the good of my soul; at least obtain for me, and for all now walking in ignorance and the shades of death, light and salvation through the sacred wounds of Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Here say three times Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory be to the Father, etc., in honor of the Blessed Trinity. Then say the following prayer:

MOST holy and undivided Trinity! Thee I adore with all the powers and affections of my soul; in Thee I acknowledge my God, my Creator, my Lord, my Redeemer, the source of all pious desires, heavenly love, and happiness: I humbly prostrate myself before the throne of Thy glory. I rejoice from my soul that this divine mystery of the unity and trinity of God is acknowledged, received, and adored by man. Praise and glory be given to thee, Most Sacred Trinity, Who hast communicated this knowledge to

the world by thy chosen servants. Blessed be the eternal Father, Who has made choice of His faithful servant Ignatius as a fit instrument to propagate His glory and spread the knowledge of divine mysteries through the whole world. Blessed be God the Son, Who was pleased to communicate to Ignatius the fruit and virtue of His passion and cross in order to make him a worthy founder of His beloved society. Blessed be the Holy Ghost, Who did impart to the heart of Ignatius that divine love and heroic fortitude by which he overcame the world, the flesh, and the devil. Most Sacred Trinity! be Thou adored and thanked by all Thy creatures, both in heaven and on earth, for all eternity. Amen.

O blessed Ignatius! by those great and singular favors which it has pleased God in His bounty to bestow on thee, by thy zeal and desire for the salvation of thy neighbor, permit thy humble client to beg thy powerful assistance. Obtain of God's infinite goodness that my heart, in its affections and motions, may ever

be guided by that sound doctrine which thou, by following the dictates of Heaven, hast preached to the world, and thereby brought salvation to thousands. It is to thee I owe in part the knowledge of God and my Christian duty. O most affectionate father! permit not that the effect of thy prayers and toils should cease in our regard. Thou hast begun through the labors of thy children the work of our salvation; may I not confidently hope that whatever thou askest of God will be granted us? Behold! how, to the dishonor of God, religion is contemned, ignorance, wickedness, and sin prevail; hell is crowded with innumerable souls; the blood of an all-bountiful God is lost—let all this, my loving protector, engage thy prayers in our behalf. Obtain for us that assistance from the Society of Jesus which our sins have hitherto deprived us of. I also beseech thee to obtain for me that particularly which I ask in this novena, if it be for the glory of God and the good of my soul. Amen.

Here mention the particular favor

you desire with an affectionate heart and confidence in the saint. Then cast yourself in spirit at the foot of the cross of Christ, humbly adore Him, crucified for your salvation, and say with sincerity the following prayer:

O merciful God and loving Redeemer! I beseech Thee, with as much humility and submission as I am able, through Thy tender mercy, through Thy infinite love for sinners, through Thy most precious blood shed for my salvation, through Thy most excellent merits, together with those of Thy blessed Mother, that Thou wouldst dispose and direct all our works to Thy greater glory and service, and to the good of those souls Thou hast purchased at the dear rate of Thy own sacred blood. My dearest Saviour! I pray Thee to help, teach, and illuminate me and them through Thy great bounty and goodness. Receive in our behalf the merits of Thy faithful servant Ignatius, his prompt obedience to the designs of Heaven; hear likewise the prayers and sighs of all the blessed saints, martyrs, and confessors of Thy beloved society; they have all

cried aloud to Thee, O dearest Redeemer! "Spare, O Lord, spare Thy beloved people; deliver not Thy possession into the power of Thy enemies!" Look on Thy own mercy; how great, O Lord, is Thy love for them! how deep Thy sacred wounds! how copious the blood Thou hast spilt for their redemption! My dear Lord Jesus Christ! through Thy most tender mercy hear the prayers of these Thy servants, and permit me to offer to Thee all the pains, tribulations, sufferings, and mortifications, all the apostolic labors of each and every member of the Society of Jesus.

In order to render the affections of your heart more like to those of St. Ignatius make use of the following aspirations frequently during the nine days' devotion:

SOUL of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me. Within Thy wounds hide me. Permit me not to be

separated from Thee. From the malignant enemy defend me. In the hour of my death call me, and bid me to come to Thee, that, with Thy saints, I may praise Thee forever and ever. Amen.

Conclude the novena prayers with the proper commemoration of the saint.

WELL done, thou good and faithful servant: because thou hast been faithful over a few things I will place thee over many things. Enter into the joy of thy Lord.

V. Our Lord hath guided the just man by right ways.

R. And hath showed him the kingdom of God.

Pious Exercise of the Ten Sundays in Honor of St. Ignatius.

THE Sovereign Pontiff, Clement XIII., by a decree of the S. Congr. of Indugences, Jan. 27, 1767, granted to all the faithful who, truly penitent, having confessed and communicated, upon the ten consecutive Sundays preceding the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, or upon any other ten consecutive Sundays

during the year, exercise themselves in pious meditation, or vocal prayer, or any other work of Christian piety to the glory of God and in honor of the same saint, and visit some church of the Society of Jesus, a plenary indulgence on each of the Sundays. In places where the said society does not exist the Sovereign Pontiff Gregory XVI., by a rescript of the same S. Congr. of Indulgences, Dec. 10, 1841, granted that the faithful might gain these plenary indulgences by visiting their parish church and there praying for some space of time according to the intention of His Holiness.

Novena in Honor of St. Alphonsus Liguori.

(Feast, Nov. 4th. Novena begins Oct. 26th and ends Nov. 3d.)

PRAYERS TO OBTAIN THE GRACES NECESSARY FOR SALVATION.

1. O MOST zealous doctor of the Church, St. Alphonsus, obtain for me a lively faith in all the truths that the holy Catholic Church teaches, together with light to know the vanity of all earthly things and the hideousness of my sins. Glory be, etc.

2. O most zealous doctor of the Church, St. Alphonsus, obtain for me the firm hope of receiving from God, through the merits of Jesus Christ and the intercession of Mary and your prayers, the pardon of my sins, final perseverance, and paradise. Glory be, etc.

3. O most zealous doctor of the Church, St. Alphonsus, obtain for me an ardent love of God that will detach me from all created things and from myself, to love Him alone and consume myself for His glory. Glory be, etc.

4. O most zealous doctor of the Church, St. Alphonsus, obtain for me perfect resignation to the holy will of God, that I may accept in peace sufferings, persecutions, contempt, loss of goods and reputation, the loss of my relations, and finally death itself. Glory be, etc.

5. O most zealous doctor of the Church, St. Alphonsus, obtain for me a heartfelt sorrow for my sins, that I may never cease to weep over the displeasure I have given my God. Glory be, etc.

6. O most zealous doctor of the Church, St. Alphonsus, obtain for me a practical love towards my neighbor that will make me do good even to those who have offended me. Glory be, etc.

7. O most zealous doctor of the Church, St. Alphonsus, obtain for me the holy virtue of purity, and the help required to resist impure temptations, by invoking the holy names of Jesus and Mary. Glory be, etc.

8. O most zealous doctor of the Church, St. Alphonsus, obtain for me a tender devotion to the passion of Jesus Christ, to the Most Blessed Sacrament, and to my dear Mother Mary. Glory be, etc.

9. O most zealous doctor of the Church, St. Alphonsus, obtain for me above all the grace of final perseverance, and the grace always to pray for it, especially in the time of temptation and in the hour of my death. Glory be, etc.

Triduum in Honor of St. Dominic.

(Feast, Aug. 4th. Triduum begins Aug. 1st and ends Aug. 3d.)

First Day.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who, by Thy most precious blood, didst form Thy Church, and by the preaching of the apostles didst establish, propagate, and extend it throughout the whole world, and also after them didst send the holy patriarch St. Dominic to readorn, illustrate, and defend it by the splendor of his merits and teaching, deign to hear the prayers which this apostolic man unceasingly offers Thee for the maintenance of its temporal goods and for the increase of its spiritual advantages.

One Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.

Second Day.

MOST clement Redeemer, Who didst give St. Dominic to the world that he might serve Thee as coadjutor in the great work of the salvation of souls, such numbers of

whom, in fact, were gained to the Church by Thy grace and his own zeal, both of heretics separated therefrom, and of sinners who, by their profligacy, were grieving Thee, ah! send, O my God, ever new laborers into Thy vineyard to labor for Thy glory and to gather the fruits of eternal life.

One Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.

Third Day

O Lord Jesus, Who wast pleased to behold St. Dominic prostrate nightly before Thy altar, adoring Thee with lively faith, hidden in the eucharistic sacrament, and alternating sighs, prayers, and penances in behalf of the Church, then persecuted by her enemies and profaned by her own, by the intercession of St. Dominic, defend this Thy spouse from the insults and the plots of the common infernal enemy.

One Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.

V. Pray for us, St Dominic.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us Pray.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we who are pining beneath the burden of our sins may be comforted through the intercession of blessed Dominic, Thy confessor. Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Indulgence of 100 days once a day. Plenary indulgence once a month.—Leo XIII., July 21, 1883.

Devotion of the Five Sundays in Honor of the Sacred Stigmata of St. Francis Assisi.

(Feast, Sept. 17th.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who, when the world was growing cold, in order to inflame our hearts with the fire of Thy love, didst in the body of the most blessed Francis renew the marks of Thy passion, grant graciously that, by his merits and prayers, we may ever bear our

cross, and bring forth worthy fruits of penance, Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

Litany of St. Francis.

(For Private Devotion Only.)

Lord have mercy on us!
Christ have mercy on us!
Lord have mercy on us.
Christ hear us.
Christ graciously hear us!
God the Father of heaven, *Have mercy on us!*
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *Have mercy on us!*
God the Holy Ghost, *Have mercy on us!*
Holy Trinity, one God, *Have mercy on us!*
Holy Mary, conceived without sin,
Holy Mary, special patroness of the three Orders of St. Francis,
St. Francis, seraphic patriarch,
St. Francis, most prudent father,
St. Francis, despiser of the world,
St. Francis, model of penance,
Pray for us!

St. Francis, conqueror of vices,
St. Francis, imitator of the Saviour,
St. Francis, bearer of the marks of Christ,
St. Francis, sealed with the character of Jesus,
St. Francis, example of purity,
St. Francis, image of humility,
St. Francis, abounding in grace,
St. Francis, reformer of the erring,
St. Francis, healer of the sick,
St. Francis, pillar of the Church,
St. Francis, defender of the faith,
St. Francis, champion of Christ,
St. Francis, defender of thy children,
St. Francis, invulnerable shield,
St. Francis, confounder of the heretics,
St. Francis, converter of the pagans,
St. Francis, supporter of the lame,
St. Francis, raiser of the dead,
St. Francis, healer of the lepers,
St. Francis, our advocate,

Pray for us!

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Hear us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy on us!*

His Holiness Pope Leo XIII., by a rescript of the S. Congr. of Indulgences, Nov. 21, 1885, granted to all the faithful who, upon the five Sundays which immediately precede the feast of the Sacred Stigmata of St. Francis of Assisi, or upon any other five consecutive Sundays during the year, shall exercise themselves either in pious meditation, or in vocal prayer, or in any other work of Christian piety, in honor of the said sacred stigmata, a plenary indulgence once a year on each of the five Sundays, provided that, being truly penitent and having confessed and communicated, they visit some church or public oratory and there pray according to the intention of His Holiness

Novena in Honor of St. Paul of the Cross.

(Feast, April 28th. Novena begins April 19th and ends April 27th.)

PRAYER.

O GLORIOUS St. Paul, thou who while on earth wast a mirror of innocence and a model of penance! O hero of sanctity, specially chosen by God to meditate night and day on the most bitter passion of His only-begotten Son, and to propagate the same devotion throughout the world by word, by example, and by means of thy institute! O apostle, powerful in word and work, who didst spend thy life in bringing back the wandering souls of wretched sinners to the feet of the Crucified! graciously look down from heaven upon my soul and hear my prayers. Obtain for me such a love towards Jesus suffering that, ever meditating on His passion, I may make His sufferings mine; that I may recognize in the deep wounds of my Saviour the wickedness of my sins, and may

draw from them, as from so many founts of salvation, the grace of lamenting them bitterly, and a firm will to imitate thee in penance, if I have not followed thee in innocence. Procure for me, O St. Paul! the grace which here, at thy feet, I particularly and earnestly beg of thee. [*Here mention the grace desired.*] Moreover, obtain for our holy mother the Church victory over her enemies; obtain conversion of sinners, and a return to the Catholic faith for all heretics, particularly for England, for which thou didst pray so much. Finally, intercede for me with God, that I may die a holy death, and come to enjoy Him with thee in heaven for all eternity. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.

Indulgence of one year once a day. Plenary indulgence on the feast of the saint or on any day of the octave.— Pius IX., April 24, 1853; April 20, 1868.

For making a novena in honor of St. Paul of the Cross an indulgence of 300 days every day, and a plenary indulgence at the close of the novena.— Pius IX. Oct. 17, 1867.

Novena to St. Vincent de Paul.

(Feast, July 19th. Novena begins July 10th and ends July 18th.)

PRAYER.

O God, Who, for the salvation of the poor and the sanctification of the clergy, hast raised up, by blessed Vincent, a new family in Thy Church, grant, we beseech Thee, through his intercession [*name your request*], and that, animated with his spirit, we may love what he loved and practise what he taught, through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, God, world without end. Amen.

V. Pray for us, O holy St. Vincent de Paul.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

For making a novena in honor of St. Vincent an indulgence of 300 days each day, and a plenary indulgence during the course of the novena or on one of the eight days immediately following it.—Pius IX., Nov. 23. 1876.

Novena to St. Mary Magdalen.

(Feast, July 22d. Novena begins July 13th and ends July 21st.)

INSTRUCTION.

THE Pharisee having prayed Jesus to sup with him, He entered into his house and seated Himself at the table. At the same time a woman of the city who led a bad life, knowing that Jesus was at table in the house of the Pharisee, went there with an alabaster box of perfume. She came to Jesus and commenced to wet His feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair, kissing them, and pouring the perfume over them. The Pharisee who had invited the Lord seeing this, said to himself: "If that man were a prophet, He would surely know who touched Him, that she is a woman of bad reputation." Then, taking up her cause, the Lord said to Simon, the Pharisee: "I have somewhat to say to thee, Simon." Simon said: "Master, speak;" and the Lord said: "Simon, a creditor had two debtors. One owed him five hundred talents, and the other fifty, but as these debtors could not pay him, he forgave them both the debt. Which of these two loved the master more?" And Simon answered: "He to whom more had been forgiven." And Jesus said 'You have judged rightly;" and turn

ing towards the woman He said to Simon: "Do you see that woman? I entered your house and you did not give Me water to wash My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and dried them with her hair; you did not give Me the kiss of welcome, while she has not ceased to kiss My feet; you did not anoint My head with oil, and she has poured the perfume over My feet. For this reason I declare to you that many sins have been forgiven her, because she has loved much." Then He said to the woman: "Many sins are forgiven thee. Go in peace." Following the example of St. Mary Magdalen, prostrate yourself at the feet of Jesus, bitterly deplore the sins with which you have sullied your soul, and, to make up for the want of contrition and love, offer to this great saint the following invocations.

INVOCATIONS.

St. Mary Magdalen, who in pouring out the perfumes on the feet of Jesus poured into His divine heart the sacred perfume of lively contrition and ardent love, I unite with thee.

St. Mary Magdalen, who hast found more consolation in thy tears and humiliations at the feet of Jesus

than thou ever didst experience before in all the pleasures of life and in the vain praises of the children of men, I unite with thee.

St. Mary Magdalen, who in offering to God the passions of a too-fickle heart hast purified these stains and made it equal almost to the heart of a seraph, I unite with thee.

St. Mary Magdalen, who after having run in the way of iniquity hast sanctified all thy steps in following Jesus Christ, I unite with thee.

St. Mary Magdalen, who didst exchange thy brilliant ornaments for the habit of poverty and penance, and didst gain by it the heart of the King of kings, I unite with thee.

St. Mary Magdalen, who after thy conversion didst not taste any other joy than to find thyself at the feet of Jesus to listen to His divine word, I unite with thee.

St. Mary Magdalen, whom love retained at the tomb of Jesus, and who by the ardor of thy searching for Him didst merit to see that God-Saviour among the first, and to announce His glorious resurrection to

His apostles—thou whose heart followed Jesus to heaven, and whose life was ever after no longer divided except by the tears of penance and the transports of divine love, I unite with thee.

St. Mary Magdalen, who gavest up thy pure and holy soul to the Lord, to be transported by the angels into heaven, to be an eternal testimony of the goodness of the heart of Jesus towards those who sincerely turn to Him, pray for us. Amen.

PRAYER.

O MODEL of penitents, thou to whom much was forgiven on account of thy great love, we kneel with thee at the foot of the cross and beg of our crucified Lord the grace to imitate thee in thy penitence and conversion. O illustrious penitent, obtain for us [*here name your request*], and the grace never more to offend God by even the least wilful transgression. Amen.

Novena to St. Stephen.

(Feast, Dec. 26th. Novena begins Dec. 17th and ends Dec. 25th.)

PRAYER.

HAPPY St. Stephen! great was the honor granted to thee in being the first to shed thy blood in testimony of the faith of Christ. O holy martyr, first of all martyrs, obtain for us a living faith, a faith that is not dead, but that lives by good works, that thus our hope of salvation may not prove vain. Beg also, great saint, by the blood thou didst shed so willingly, that we may obtain the favor which we so ardently desire, and which we solicit through thy intercession in this novena. Amen.

Novena to St. Patrick.

(Feast, March 17th. Novena begins March 8th and ends March 16th.)

PRAYER.

O BLESSED apostle of Ireland, glorious St. Patrick! who didst become my father and benefactor

long before my birth, receive my prayers and accept the sentiments of gratitude and veneration with which my heart is filled towards thee. Thou wast the channel of the greatest graces to me; deign, then, to become also the channel of my grateful thanksgivings to God for having granted me, through thee, that precious gift of faith which is dearer than life. O most blessed father and patron of my country! do not, I beseech thee, despise my weakness. Remember that the cries of little children were the mysterious invitation thou didst receive to come among us. Listen, then, to my most humble supplications; I unite them to the praise and blessings which will ever follow thy name and thy memory throughout the Church in Ireland; I unite them to the prayers of the multitude of my ancestors who now enjoy eternal bliss, and owe their salvation, under God, to thy zeal and charity: they will eternally share thy glory, because they listened to thy word and followed thy example. Ah! since I am descended

from saints, may I blush to differ from them; may I begin from this moment to love God with all my heart and serve Him with all my strength. For this end I most humbly beg thy blessing, O great St. Patrick! and thy particular aid in obtaining whatever grace thou seest to be most necessary for me, and also the intentions of this novena. [*Name them.*]

Litany of St. Patrick.

(For Private Devotion Only.)

LORD have mercy on us, etc.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
St. Patrick, apostle of Ireland,
St. Patrick, vessel of election,
St. Patrick, model of bishops,
St. Patrick, enemy of infidelity,
St. Patrick, profoundly humble,
St. Patrick, consumed with zeal,
St. Patrick, example of charity,
St. Patrick, glory of Ireland,
St. Patrick, instructor of little ones,
St Patrick, our powerful protector,

} *Pray for us!*

St. Patrick, our compassionate advocate, *Pray for us!*

Lamb of God, etc.

V. Pray for us, O glorious St. Patrick.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Novena to St. Francis Xavier.

(Feast, Dec. 3d. Novena begins Nov 24th and ends Dec. 2d.)

PRAYER.

MOST holy father, St. Francis Xavier, who didst receive thy praises from the mouths of innocent children, I most humbly implore thy bountiful charity, for the sake of the most precious blood of Jesus, and of the immaculate conception of our blessed Lady, the Mother of God, to the end that thou mayst obtain of God's infinite goodness [*here name your request*], and that at the approach of my last hour my heart may be separated and withdrawn from all worldly thoughts and distractions and be fixed in the most ardent love

of Him and a vehement desire of a happy eternity, so that, laying aside the multiplicity of earthly things which hitherto have perplexed me, I may most diligently seek and perfectly find that one thing which is necessary: which is to die and rest in peace under the protection of the most holy Virgin Mary, in the wounds of Jesus, her most blessed Son, in the sweet embraces of my God, and in thy presence, holy saint, through whose intercession I hope to obtain this mercy. Amen.

Novena to St. Gertrude.

(Feast, Nov. 15th. Novena begins Nov. 6th and ends Nov. 14th.)

PRAYER.

O DEAR St. Gertrude, true lover of the heart of Jesus! obtain for us some share in that ardent love with which thy holy heart was filled, and which made it a pure mirror in which naught but the will of Jesus was reflected. Offer us to the heart of Jesus, that we may be enclosed there-

in. Thou knowest, dear St. Gertrude, how heavy are our hearts, how filled with earthly cares and anxieties, and how urgent is our need of this our present desire. [*Mention it.*] Take pity on us, then, holy and loving Gertrude, and do thou thyself present our petition to the divine heart of Jesus; but if it be not His holy will to grant us the desires of our hearts, obtain for us that we may rest content in what He wills. Amen.

Novena for the Feast of St. Teresa.

(Feast, Oct. 15th. Novena begins Oct. 6th and ends Oct. 14th.)

PRAYER.

HOLY St. Teresa, most pure virgin, by that extraordinary favor which Almighty God conferred on thee in preserving thee from the snares of the devil during thy stay in this life, I most humbly beseech thee to obtain for me by thy prayers the grace of doing true and solid penance for all my sins, and of never offending the Divine Majesty during

the remainder of my life, through Christ Jesus, Our Lord. Amen.

O blessed Teresa, faithful teacher of the art of loving God above all things, by that abundance of celestial light with which His divine majesty filled thy happy mind, obtain for us through thy powerful intercession that we may imitate thy virtues. Pray for us, I beseech thee, O glorious Teresa; and as thou hadst a sincere love for Jesus, and Jesus always loved thee, obtain for us the incomparable advantage of living faithful to Jesus and of dying in His divine love. Obtain for me also, great saint, ——. [*Name your request.*] Teresa of Jesus, hear and help us.

Devotion of the Ten Wednesdays in Honor of St. Teresa.

AMONG various practices of piety in honor of the seraphic St. Teresa of Jesus there is one most highly recommended and duly approved. It consists in dedicating to the saint ten consecutive Wednesdays, in memory and thanksgiving of the ten special favors she received from Heaven, viz.:

1. The apparitions of Our Lord in the various states of His sacred passion in order to stimulate her zeal to patiently endure the trials of life.

2. The marvellous vision of the four precious stones in the cross of her rosary-beads.

3. Manifestation of the Blessed Trinity in the interior of her soul.

4. Contemplation of the glorious humanity of Jesus Christ.

5. The sweetness of the precious blood of Jesus, which she tasted in holy communion.

6. The ineffable bounty of Mary, who condescended to cover the saint with her mantle.

7. The apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph, who clothed her in a robe of brilliant whiteness.

8. Transfixion of her heart by the seraph's dart.

9. The assistance she received from the holy apostles SS. Peter and Paul in her needs.

10. Her elevation to the rank of spouse of Jesus Christ.

N. B.—To obtain the favors desired one should sanctify each Wednesday by holy communion, prayer, and acts of mortification, especially by meditating on the grace which we desire to receive from heaven through the intercession of the saint. These ten pious practices will be found in the history of her life

PRAYER.

O SERAPHIC and admirable St. Teresa, blessed by the Lord with an abundance of celestial light, obtain, I beseech thee, through thy powerful intercession, the grace for me that I may turn away my love from earthly vanity and direct it wholly to the heart of thy divine Master, deriving from it strength and perseverance to imitate the virtues which thou didst practise during life.

O blessed Teresa, faithful teacher of the art of loving God above all things, teach me humility, obedience, purity, and a fervent zeal for the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

St. Teresa, gifted with ecstatic contemplation, pray for me, that I may regulate my life in conformity with the precepts of my holy religion, and after a happy death may be admitted to behold Our Lord face to face and to enjoy eternal happiness. Amen.

Novena to St. Charles Borromeo.

(Feast, Nov. 4th. Novena begins Oct 26th and ends Nov. 3d.)

PRAYER.

O GLORIOUS St. Charles, the father of the clergy and the perfect model of holy prelates! thou art that good pastor who, like thy divine Master, didst give up thy life for thy flock, if not by thy death, at least by the numerous sacrifices of thy painful mission. Thy sanctified life on earth was a spur to the most fervent, thy exemplary penance was a reproach to the slothful, and thy indefatigable zeal was the support of the Church. O great prelate! since the glory of God and the salvation of souls are the only objects of solicitude to the blessed in heaven, vouchsafe to intercede for me now, and to offer up for the intention of this novena those fervent prayers which were so successful while thou wast on earth. [*Here specify your request.*]

Thou art, O great St. Charles! among all the saints of God, one in whose intercession I should most confide, because thou wast chosen by

God to promote the interests of religion by promoting the Christian education of youth. Thou wast, like Jesus Christ Himself, always accessible to little ones, for whom thou didst thyself break the bread of the word of God, and procure for them also the blessings of a Christian education. To thee, then, I have recourse with confidence, beseeching thee to obtain for me the grace to profit by the advantages I enjoy, and for which I am so considerably indebted to thy zeal. Preserve me by thy prayers from the dangers of the world; obtain that my heart may be impressed with a lively horror of sin, a deep sense of my duty as a Christian, a sincere contempt for the opinion and false maxims of the world, an ardent love for God, and that holy fear which is the beginning of wisdom.

Novena in Honor of St. Jude the Apostle.

(Feast, Oct. 28th. Novena begins Oct 19th and ends Oct. 27th.)

IN the name of the Father, and of the Son, etc.

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us from all dangers, O ever-glorious and blessed and immaculate Virgin Mary.

St. Jude, pray for us, and for all who invoke thy aid.

Litany of St. Jude.

(For Private Devotion Only.)

LORD have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.
Christ Jesus hear us.
Christ Jesus graciously hear us.

St. Jude, relative of Jesus and Mary,
St. Jude, while on earth deemed worthy to see Jesus and Mary and to enjoy their holy company,
St. Jude, raised to the dignity of an apostle,
St. Jude, who had the honor to behold thy divine Master

Pray for us.

humble Himself to wash thy feet,

St. Jude, who at the Last Supper didst receive the Holy Eucharist from the hands of Jesus Christ,

St. Jude, who after the profound grief which the death of thy beloved Master caused thee had the consolation to behold Him risen from the dead, and to assist at His glorious ascension,

St. Jude, who wast filled with the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost,

St. Jude, who didst preach the Gospel in Persia,

St. Jude, who didst convert many peoples to the faith,

St. Jude, who didst perform wonderful miracles by the power of the Holy Ghost,

St. Jude, who didst restore an idolatrous king to life, both of soul and body,

St. Jude, who didst impose silence on demons and confound their oracles,

Pray for us!

St. Jude, who didst foretell to a weak prince an honorable peace with his powerful enemy,
St. Jude, who didst take from deadly serpents the power of injuring men,
St. Jude, who, disregarding the threats of the impious, didst courageously preach the doctrines of our faith,
St. Jude, who, tied to a cross and pierced with arrows, didst gloriously die for the love of thy divine Master,

Pray for us!

Blessed apostle, with confidence we invoke thee,
Blessed apostle, with confidence we invoke thee,
Blessed apostle, with confidence we invoke thee,
That by thy intercession both the priests and people of the Church may obtain an ardent zeal for the faith of Jesus Christ,
That the Sovereign Pontiff and all Christian rulers may maintain that peace, union, and

We beseech thee graciously to hear us.

strength necessary to overcome their enemies,
That all unbelievers and heathens may be converted to the true faith,
That faith, hope, and charity may increase in our hearts,
That we may be delivered from all evil thoughts and from all the snares of the devil,
Vouchsafe to aid and protect all those who honor thee,
Vouchsafe to preserve us from sin and from the occasions of sin,
Vouchsafe to defend us at the hour of death, and from the fury of the devil and his evil spirits,
Pray for us, that before death we may expiate all our sins by sincere repentance and the worthy reception of the holy sacraments,
Pray for us, that we may appease the Divine Justice and obtain a favorable judgment,
Pray for us, that we may be admitted into the company

We beseech thee graciously to hear us.

of the blessed, to rejoice in the presence of our God forever, *We beseech thee graciously to hear us.*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Graciously hear us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy on us, O Lord!*

St. Jude, pray for us, and for all who invoke thy aid.

PRAYER.

GLORIOUS apostle! martyr and relative of Jesus, St. Jude Thaddeus, who didst spread the true faith in the midst of the most barbarous and distant nations, who didst win to the obedience of Jesus Christ many tribes and peoples by the power of His holy word, grant, I beseech thee, that from this day I may renounce every sinful habit; that I may be preserved from all evil thoughts; that I may always obtain thy assistance, particularly in every affair of

danger or difficulty ; and that in the end I may safely reach that heavenly country where, with thee, I will adore the Most Holy Trinity, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, forever and ever. Amen.

Novena for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

(Feast, Nov. 2d. Novena begins Oct. 24th and ends Nov. 1st.)

By St. Alphonsus de Liguori.

Let us commend to Jesus Christ and His holy Mother the souls in purgatory, in particular those of our relatives, benefactors, friends, and enemies; especially those for whom we are bound to pray; and let us offer the following considerations and prayers for them, pondering over the great sufferings which these spouses of Christ endure.

First Day.

Manifold are the sufferings which those blessed souls must endure, but the greatest of all is the reflection that their sins in life are the cause of the present torments.

PRAYER.

O JESUS, my Saviour, I have so often deserved to be cast into hell; how great were my suffering if I were now cast away and obliged to think that I myself had caused my damnation! I thank Thee for the patience with which Thou hast endured me. My God, I love Thee above all things, and I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, because Thou art infinite goodness. I will rather die than offend Thee again. Grant me the grace of perseverance; have pity on me, and at the same time on those blessed souls that suffer in purgatory. Mary, Mother of God, come to their assistance with thy powerful intercession.

Our Father, Hail Mary, etc.

On Thy spouses have compassion,
On these suffering children Thine;
Make these holy souls partakers
Of Thy happiness divine.

PRAYER TO OUR SUFFERING SAVIOUR FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY.

(To be Repeated Every Day during the Novena.)

V. O MOST sweet Jesus, through the bloody sweat which Thou didst suffer in the Garden of Gethsemani, have mercy on these blessed souls.

R. Have mercy on them, O Lord, have mercy on them.

V. O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer during Thy most cruel scourging. have mercy on them.

R. Have mercy on them, etc.

V. O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer in Thy most painful crowning with thorns, have mercy on them.

R. Have mercy on them, etc.

V. O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer in carrying Thy cross to Calvary, have mercy on them.

R. Have mercy on them, etc.

V. O most sweet Jesus, through

the pains which Thou didst suffer during Thy most cruel crucifixion, have mercy on them.

R. Have mercy on them, etc.

V. O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer in Thy most bitter agony on the cross, have mercy on them.

R. Have mercy on them, etc.

V. O most sweet Jesus, through the immense pain which Thou didst suffer in breathing forth Thy blessed soul, have mercy on them.

R. Have mercy on them, etc.

Here recommend yourself to the souls in purgatory, and mention the favor you wish to obtain by this novena.

Blessed souls, we have prayed for you; we entreat you, who are so dear to God, and who are secure of never losing Him, to pray for us, miserable sinners, who are in danger of being damned and of losing God forever. Amen.

Second Day.

THE second pain which causes these holy souls much suffering

is the time lost in life when they might have gained merits for heaven; and the thought that they are unable to repair this loss, because the time of life and merit is passed.

PRAYER.

WOE to me, unhappy being, so many years have I already spent on earth and have earned naught but hell! I give Thee thanks, O Lord, for granting me time even now to atone for my sins. My good God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee. Send me Thy assistance, that I may apply the time yet remaining to me for Thy love and service; have compassion on me and, at the same time, on the holy souls suffering in purgatory. O Mary, Mother of God, come to their assistance with thy powerful intercession.

Our Father, Hail Mary, "On Thy spouses," etc., "O most sweet Jesus," etc.

THIRD DAY.

ANOTHER great pain of the holy souls is caused by the hideous

vision of their guilt, for which they now suffer. In this life the hideousness of sin is not seen as in the life to come, and this is one of the greatest sufferings of purgatory.

PRAYER.

O my God! because Thou art infinite goodness I love Thee above all things, and repent with my whole heart of my offences against Thee. Grant me the grace of holy perseverance. Have compassion on me and, at the same time, on the holy souls suffering in purgatory. And thou, Mary, Mother of God, come to their assistance with thy powerful intercession.

Our Father, Hail Mary, "On Thy spouses," etc., "O most sweet Jesus," etc.

Fourth Day.

The pain that still more afflicts these holy souls, the spouses of Jesus, is the thought of having during life displeased by their sins that God Whom they so ardently love. Some penitents have felt so

much pain and sorrow in thinking of having by their sins offended so good a God that they died of grief. The souls in purgatory understand far better than we do the claims that God has to our love: they love Him with all their strength. Hence at the thought of having offended Him during life they experience pain that surpasses all other pain.

PRAYER.

O my God! because Thou art infinite goodness I am sorry with my whole heart for having offended Thee. I promise to die rather than ever offend Thee more. Give me holy perseverance; have pity on me, and have pity on all those holy souls that burn in the cleansing fire and love Thee with all their hearts. O Mary, Mother of God, assist them by thy powerful prayers.

Our Father, Hail Mary, "On Thy spouses," etc., "O most sweet Jesus," etc.

Fifth Day.

Another great suffering is caused these holy souls by the igno-

rance of the time of their deliverance. They are certain of being one day released, yet the uncertainty of the time when their purgatorial term will have ended gives them great pain.

PRAYER.

WOE to me, unhappy being, if Thou, O Lord, hadst cast me into hell; for from that dungeon of eternal pain there is no deliverance. I love Thee above all things, O Infinite Good, and I am sincerely sorry for having offended Thee. I will rather die than ever offend Thee again. Grant me the grace of holy perseverance. Have compassion on me and, at the same time, on the holy souls suffering in purgatory. O Mary, Mother of God, come to their assistance with thy powerful intercession.

Our Father, Hail Mary, "On Thy spouses," etc., "O most sweet Jesus," etc.

SIXTH DAY.

THE holy souls are, indeed, comforted by the recollection of

the passion of Jesus Christ and the Holy Sacrament of the Altar, since they know they are saved by the passion of Jesus Christ, and have received, and still receive, so much consolation from holy Masses and holy communions. Nevertheless they are greatly pained by the recollection of their ingratitude for these two great gifts of the love of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER.

O my divine Redeemer, Thou didst die for me on the cross, and hast often united Thyself with me in holy communion, and I have repaid Thee only with ingratitude. Now, however, I love Thee above all things, O Supreme Good; and I am more grieved at my offences against Thee than at any other evil. I will rather die than offend Thee again. Grant me the grace of holy perseverance. Have compassion on me and, at the same time, on the holy souls suffering in purgatory. Mary, Mother of God, come to their aid with thy powerful intercession.

Our Father, Hail Mary, "On Thy spouses," etc., "O most sweet Jesus," etc.

SEVENTH DAY.

A FURTHER great sorrow of these holy souls consists in their ardent desire for the beatific vision. Slowly and painfully the moments of their purgatorial imprisonment pass by; for they love God deeply, and desire to be delivered from their sad prison in order to praise Him forever.

PRAYER.

O GOD, Father of mercy, satisfy this their ardent desire! Send them Thy holy angel to announce to them that Thou, their Father, art now reconciled with them through the suffering and death of Jesus, and that the moment of their deliverance has arrived.

Our Father, Hail Mary, "On Thy spouses," etc., "O most sweet Jesus," etc.

Eighth Day.

Another bitter sorrow of these souls is caused by the reflection that God had distinguished them by so many graces not granted to others, and that they compelled Him by their sins to condemn them to these sufferings, and that they had deserved hell, and were pardoned and saved only by the mercy of God.

PRAYER.

O my God! I also am one of these ungrateful beings, having received so much grace, and yet despised Thy love, and deserved to be cast by Thee into hell. But Thy infinite goodness has spared me until now. Therefore I now love Thee above all things, and I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee. I will rather die than ever again offend Thee. Grant me the grace of holy perseverance. Have compassion on me and, at the same time, on the holy souls suffering in purgatory. Mary, Mother of God, come to their aid with thy powerful intercession.

Our Father, Hail Mary, "On Thy spouses," etc., "O most sweet Jesus," etc.

Ninth Day.

Great are the sufferings of the holy souls: the fire, the grief, the darkness, the uncertainty of the time of their deliverance from prison; but the greatest of all these sorrows is this, that these holy souls are separated from their divine Spouse and deprived of His beatific vision.

PRAYER.

O my God! how is it possible that I have for so many years borne tranquilly the separation from Thee and Thy holy grace! O infinite Goodness, how long-suffering hast Thou shown Thyself to me! Henceforth I shall love Thee above all things. I am deeply sorry for having offended Thee; I promise rather to die than again to offend Thee. Grant me the grace of holy perseverance, and do not permit that I should ever again fall into sin.

Have compassion on the holy souls suffering in purgatory. I pray

Thee moderate their sufferings; shorten the time of their misery; call them soon unto Thee in heaven, that they may behold Thee face to face and forever love Thee. Mary, Mother of mercy, come to their aid with thy powerful intercession, and pray for us also who are still in danger of eternal damnation.

Our Father, Hail Mary, "On Thy spouses," etc., "O most sweet Jesus," etc.

For making a novena in suffrage for the holy souls in purgatory an indulgence of 300 days is granted on each day.—Pius IX., Nov. 26, 1876.

Novena in Preparation for First Holy Communion.

PRAYER FOR THE NOVENA.

LORD, hear my prayer and let the cry of my heart come to Thee. O my God, Thou dost love children; thou dost protect them in a special manner. Listen to me

who invoke Thee, that I may be prepared for my First Communion. Fill my young heart with the unction of Thy grace, and place in my soul all the sentiments of piety and recollection which so august a sacrament demands of those who are to partake of it. O Lord, Thou hast given me in Baptism the treasure of innocence. Thou hast honored me with the character and the name of a child of God. Complete in me the work by giving me the grace to receive Thee worthily in a well-disposed heart. From my birth Thou hast had great consideration for my soul's eternal salvation. Thou hast given me an angel who is to devote all his attention to my welfare. So far Thou hast favored me with many means of sanctification. Grant me, O Lord, the fulness of all Thy heavenly benedictions in permitting me to partake in a most holy and fervent manner of the sacred bread of angels. My heart has not always been innocent; perhaps Satan has succeeded in making me commit sin and tarnish the beauty of my soul; but,

O Lord, Thy mercies are infinite and Thou lovest to pardon. Purify, then, this heart, O God of mercy, give it back its perfect innocence, inspire it with sentiments of true contrition and the firm purpose of amendment necessary for the Sacrament of Penance. May Thy goodness receive it tenderly with the words: "I am thy salvation." At the same time increase its intelligence, fill it with Thy celestial light, that the spirit may conform and that the heart may feel how delicious and adorable is the banquet to which Thou invitest holy souls, and how advantageous it is to receive Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Altar. Jesus, have pity on me. Mary, who didst give so much care to the Infant Jesus, pray for me. Glorious St. Joseph, faithful guardian and foster-father, pray for me. St. Aloysius Gonzaga, pray for me. Grant me one more grace, O Lord: that after my First Communion I may preserve all the good sentiments with which Thou hast inspired me. Assure me of Thy friendship. May my conduct

my Christian life, so attach me to Thee that my soul may be agreeable to Thee all through life, and that Thou mayst bring me after my death into eternal glory. Amen.

Novena to St. Rose of Lima.

ADMIRABLE Saint Rose, you were truly a sweet flower blooming on a rugged soil; you were indeed a rose among thorns, bearing with meekness and patience the stings of envious tongues, and preserving perfect purity and modesty amid the alluring blandishments of a deceitful world. To the sufferings inflicted on you by others you added the voluntary tortures of fasting and watching, of the discipline, of the crown of thorns and of the hair shirt, to subdue the flesh and to make yourself like to your heavenly Spouse. By the merits which you have thus gained with your divine Bridegroom, obtain for me the grace to bear my afflictions with patience, to remain pure and modest, to be meek and humble, to be faithful to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit, and so to mortify my passions that I may be ever more pleasing and acceptable in the sight of my dear Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ,

Who liveth and reigneth world without end. Amen.

Novena to the Archangel Gabriel.

O BLESSED archangel Gabriel, we beseech thee, do thou intercede for us at the throne of divine mercy in our present necessities that, as thou didst announce to Mary the mystery of the incarnation, so through thy patronage and prayers we may obtain the fruits of Our Lord's mission among men: that Jesus may be to us, indeed, a Saviour, that we may one day see Him face to face, and with all the angels and the saints sing His praise forever. Amen.

Novena to the Archangel Raphael.

GLORIOUS archangel, St. Raphael, great prince of the heavenly court, illustrious by thy gifts of wisdom and grace, guide of travelers by land and sea, consoler of the unfortunate and refuge of sinners, I entreat thee to help me in all my needs and in all the trials of this life, as thou didst once assist the young Tobias in his journeying. And since thou art the "physician of God," I humbly pray thee to heal my soul of its many infirmities and my body of the ills that afflict it, if this favor is for my

greater good. I ask, especially, for angelic purity, that I may be made fit to be the living temple of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Indulgence of 100 days.—Leo XIII, June 21, 1890.

Novena to St. Rita.

O GLORIOUS St. Rita, thou who didst miraculously share in the sorrowful Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, obtain for me that I may bear with resignation the suffering of this life, and protect me in all my necessities. Amen.

Indulgence: 300 days, once a day.—Pius X, Aug. 11, 1906.

O MY Lord and God, Who hast in Thine admirable providence given saints to Thy Church, in order that they may be a constant example to us of every virtue on earth, and our powerful advocates and protectors with Thee in heaven, graciously hear the prayers of Thy servant, St. Rita, whom Thou didst give to the world as a model in all the different states of life; and grant that what we cannot obtain by our own weakness may be vouchsafed to us by her powerful intercession. Amen.

Novena to St. Teresa of the Child Jesus.

(The Little Flower.)

O LORD, Who hast said: Unless ye become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven, grant unto us, we beseech Thee, so to follow the footsteps of blessed Teresa, virgin, in lowliness and simplicity of heart that we may gain everlasting rewards. Who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

Novena to St. Roch.

OVER Thy people, do Thou, we beseech Thee, O Lord, watch with unceasing love; and, through the helpful merits of blessed Roch, grant them security against every contagion of soul and body. Through Our Lord.

Daily Devotions.

Morning Prayers.

MUCH depends on the manner in which we begin the day. We desire to make this day a very profitable one if it be in our power. We must remember the fact that a good intention is necessary for all good works, and hence we begin the day by forming our intention. The morning offering of the League of the Sacred Heart embodies all that is necessary to direct our will for the day, and can be appropriately used.

Intention.—O Jesus, through the immaculate heart of Mary I offer Thee the prayers, works, and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of Thy divine Heart in union with the holy sacrifice of the Mass.

The first thoughts of a Christian in the morning are those first fruits of

which Almighty God was always most jealous. Endeavor to contract the good habit of raising your heart to God immediately on awakening to implore His protection and grace, that the day which His infinite goodness adds to your life may not add to your sins, but increase your merits and tend to His glory. It may be the last in your life, perhaps you may never have another day to glorify God, to expiate your sins, to gain heaven, or to devote to any of the important duties of a Christian. Repeat pious ejaculations while you dress, that they may animate you not to throw away a single moment of the day you are beginning. Le your first remembrance, then, be of God, your first action the sign of the cross, your first words an offering of your whole being to your Creator. Do not lie lazily in bed after having had sufficient rest; it is time to be up and at your duties.

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

AN ACT OF ADORATION AND THANKSGIVING.

O my God, I adore and love Thee with all my heart. I return

Thee thanks for the innumerable favors and benefits which I have received from Thy infinite goodness and mercy, especially for having preserved me this night. O my God, Who art amiable above all things, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee; grant that I may spend this day well and rather die than commit any mortal sin. O my God, grant, I beseech Thee, that whatever I do this day may be acceptable to Thee, and vouchsafe to direct all my actions to Thy honor and glory. O holy Virgin, I put myself under thy protection and beg the help of thy prayers. O my good angel, be thou also my protector, and pray to God for me that I may do His holy will in all things. Holy Joseph, most blessed of all blessed souls after Jesus and Mary, pray for me now and at the hour of my death. Amen. St. Anthony, whom the infant Jesus so much loved and honored, pray for me.

OFFERING.

I OFFER Thee, O my God, my heart with all its affections. Grant that I may breathe only for Thee. I consecrate to Thee my spirit and all its

thoughts, my body and all its senses that all that belongs to me may live only in Thee. Grant that I may strive to preserve Thy glory and make Thee loved by others. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

THE OUR FATHER.

OUR Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

THE HAIL MARY.

HAIL, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED.

I BELIEVE in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only

Son Our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

THE CONFITEOR.

I CONFESS to Almighty God, to blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy apostles Peter and Paul, and to all the saints, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I beseech blessed Mary ever Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy apostles Peter and Paul, and all the saints, to pray to the Lord our God for me.

May the Almighty God have mercy on me, and forgive me my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

May the almighty and merciful Lord grant me pardon, absolution, and remission of all my sins. Amen.

AN ACT OF FAITH.

O my God! I firmly believe all the sacred truths which Thy holy Catholic Church believes and teaches, because Thou hast revealed them, Who neither canst deceive nor be deceived.

AN ACT OF HOPE.

O my God! relying on Thy infinite goodness and promises, I hope to obtain the pardon of my sins, the assistance of Thy grace, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer.

AN ACT OF LOVE.

O my God! I love Thee above all things with my whole heart and soul, purely because Thou art infinitely perfect and deserving of all love. I love also my neighbor as myself for the love of Thee. I forgive all who

have injured me and ask pardon of all whom I have injured.

PRAYER OF ST. GERTRUDE.

O LORD, my God, for Thy sake I resolve to perform all my actions whether outward or inward, purely for Thy glory, and for the salvation of the whole world, with such intention and in such manner as Thou dost desire and enjoin, and in union with that love wherewith Thy Son came down from heaven and wrought out the whole work of our salvation, especially during His Passion. Wherefore I entirely disclaim all merit, all reward and grace which I might otherwise hope to obtain by these actions, that I may offer to Thee, my God, a pure sacrifice of praise and give Thee a proof of my love.

BEFORE WORK.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, in union with Thy most perfect actions I commend to Thee this my work to be directed according to Thy adorable will for the salvation of all mankind Amen.

AFTER WORK.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, in union with Thy most perfect actions I offer Thee this my work to be amended and cleansed, and presented as is fit to God the Father, to His eternal praise. Amen.

GRACE BEFORE MEALS.

BLESS us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts which of Thy bounty we are about to receive. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

GRACE AFTER MEALS.

WE give Thee thanks, O Almighty God, for these and all Thy blessings. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

THE ANGELUS.

THE church bell rings three times a day, morning, noon, and night, to remind us of the Angelus. Let us then recite this prayer, as an indulgence of one hundred days is granted for each time it is said, and a plenary indulgence once a month to those who recite it

daily at the sound of the bell. This prayer is to be said kneeling, except on Saturday evening and throughout Sunday, when it is said standing.

In Catholic countries all work is stopped, conversation ceases, and the peasants, bowing their heads, say the Angelus when they hear its bell. It is a beautiful practice, and one most pleasing to our blessed Lord and His holy Mother. Good Catholics should not neglect it.

THE angel of the Lord declared unto Mary: and she conceived of the Holy Ghost.

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord; may it be done unto me according to Thy word. Hail Mary, etc.

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. Hail Mary, etc.

V. Pray for us, holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let Us Pray.

POUR forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER TO THE GUARDIAN ANGEL.

O ANGEL of God, to whose holy care I am committed by the Supreme Clemency! enlighten, defend, and protect me this day from all sin and danger. Amen.

Say the Litany of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, page 104.

Evening Prayers.

WHEN the day is over, it is natural that you should go again on your knees to thank Almighty God for the graces He has given you to do many good actions, for the strength and health you enjoy. Examine your day's work and judge it severely and make

resolutions for the future. Put yourself under the protection of Almighty God for the night, that He may grant you another opportunity of doing better in the future.

Prayers are very important—they keep you in the state of grace.

IN the name of the Father, etc. Our Father, etc. Hail Mary, etc. I believe in God, etc., etc.

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

AN ACT OF ADORATION.

PROSTRATE before Thy divine majesty, O my God, I adore Thee with the most profound respect of which I am capable. I acknowledge Thy sovereign dominion over me, I submit myself to Thee, I love to depend on Thee in all things.

O God infinitely good, Who art here present, and Who seest the inmost recesses of my heart, teach me to pray to Thee with fervor and devotion, so that I may draw down on me and mine Thy holy benedictions. Amen.

I believe in Thee, O Almighty God because Thou art truth itself: I hope

in Thee, for Thou art infinitely good; I love thee with all my heart, for Thou art my loving God; and I love my neighbor as myself for the love of Thee.

My God, I render Thee a thousand thanks for Thy continual benefits, those numerous gifts of Thy mercy from the moment of my birth until this hour. What gratitude do I not owe Thee for having given me Thy divine Son, and for all the spiritual and temporal blessings which Thou hast lavished on Thy unworthy servant! It is Thou Who hast mercifully preserved me from sins into which I should otherwise have fallen; it is Thou, my heavenly Father, Who hast done in me and by me the little good I have been able to do, if ever I have done anything meritorious in Thy sight. O my God, engrave these sentiments in my soul in characters of fire; let my actions and my conduct render an eternal testimony of the gratitude which I love to pay Thee.

Eternal source of light, God the Holy Ghost, dispel, I beseech Thee, the darkness which hides from me the wickedness and malice of my sins. Make me conceive so great a horror of them, O my God, that I may detest them as much as they are detested by Thee,

and that I may fear nothing so much as ever again to commit them.

EXAMEN OF CONSCIENCE.

LET us place ourselves in the presence of God thank Him for His graces, and fervently implore the help of the Holy Spirit that we may know and detest our sins, excite ourselves to sorrow for having offended God, and form a sincere resolution of amendment.

In your mind think of the actions during the day and what sins you have committed.

Examine if have you kept the resolutions made in the morning. If not, consider well what was the cause of this failure, and seek out the means to preserve you from falling in future. For be assured that your whole Christian perfection depends upon this diligent examination of conscience. Having finished this examination, say with all your heart the following:

ACT OF CONTRITION.

BEHOLD me, O my God, covered with confusion and penetrated

with the most lively sorrow at the sight of my offences. I detest them with a true sorrow for having offended so good and loving a God. O Lord, I have carried to excess my malice and ingratitude, and most humbly ask Thy forgiveness. I beseech Thee, O my God, by that mercy the effects of which I have so often felt, to grant me the grace of a sincere repentance.

PRAYER FOR OUR BENEFACTORS.

SEND down Thy blessing, O Lord, on my parents, my relations, friends, and benefactors. Protect my home; comfort the poor, the sick, the afflicted, and the agonizing; convert and enlighten heretics and infidels.

O God of mercy and goodness, have pity also on the souls of the faithful departed, put an end to their sufferings, and grant to those for whom I pray rest and eternal happiness. Amen.

TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

O GLORIOUS Virgin Mary! I commit my soul and body to thy blessed trust this night and forever, but more especially at the hour of my death. I commend to thy merciful charity all my

hope, my consolation, my distress and misery, my life and the end thereof, that, through thy most holy intercession, all my works may be directed according to the will of thy blessed Son. Amen.

Say the Litany of the Blessed Virgin, page 225.

A PRAYER TO THE GUARDIAN ANGEL.

O ANGEL of God, to whose holy care I am committed by the Supreme Clemency! enlighten, defend, and protect me this night from all sin and danger. Amen.

THE BLESSING.

O GOD THE FATHER, bless me; Jesus Christ, defend and keep me; the virtue of the Holy Ghost enlighten and sanctify me this night and forever! Amen.

Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. Lord Jesus, receive my soul.

A UNIVERSAL PRAYER.

For All Things Necessary to Salvation.

O MY God, I believe in Thee; do Thou strengthen my faith. All

my hopes are in Thee; do Thou secure them. I love Thee; teach me to love Thee daily more and more. I am sorry that I have offended Thee; do Thou increase my sorrow. I adore Thee as my first beginning; I aspire after Thee as my last end. I give Thee thanks as my constant benefactor; I call upon Thee as my sovereign protector.

Vouchsafe, O my God, to conduct me by Thy wisdom, to restrain me by Thy justice, to comfort me by Thy mercy, to defend me by Thy power.

To Thee I desire to consecrate all my thoughts, words, actions, and sufferings, that henceforward I may think only of Thee, speak of Thee, refer all my actions to Thy greater glory, and suffer willingly whatever Thou shalt appoint.

Lord, I desire that in all things Thy will may be done, because it is Thy will, and in the manner that Thou willest.

I beg of Thee to enlighten my understanding, to inflame my will, to purify my body, and to sanctify my soul.

Give me strength, O my God, to expiate my offences, to overcome my temptations, to subdue my passions.

and to acquire the virtues proper for my state.

Fill my heart with tender affection for Thy goodness, hatred of my faults, love of my neighbor, and contempt of the world.

Let me always remember to be submissive to my superiors, condescending to my inferiors, faithful to my friends, and charitable to my enemies.

Assist me to overcome sensuality by mortification, avarice by alms-deeds, anger by meekness, and tepidity by devotion.

O my God, make me prudent in my undertakings, courageous in dangers, patient in affliction, and humble in prosperity.

Grant that I may be ever attentive at my prayers, temperate at my meals, diligent in my employments, and constant in my resolutions.

Let my conscience be ever upright and pure, my exterior modest, my conversation edifying, and my comportment regular.

Assist me, that I may continually labor to overcome nature, to correspond with Thy grace, to keep Thy commandments, and to work out my salvation.

Discover to me, O my God, the nothingness of this world, the greatness of heaven, the shortness of time, and the length of eternity.

Grant that I may prepare for death; that I may fear Thy judgments, escape hell, and in the end obtain heaven. Through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

Prayers at Mass.

THE holiest of all acts of religion, the greatest of all prayers, is the Mass. In it Jesus Christ gives to God an infinite glory and offers Himself for the remission of our sins. If we assist at Mass and join our prayers with Christ, the divine Mediator, our prayers will receive a greater dignity and strength. Let us appreciate it as a favor most deserving of our gratitude that we can assist at it daily. Let us give God thanks for it, and study to draw from it the fruits of sanctification it ought to produce. Let us always assist at holy Mass with the most sincere, the most lively, and the most affectionate piety.

"In the divine sacrifice of the Mass is immolated, in an unbloody manner, the same Jesus Christ Who once offered Himself in a bloody manner on the cross. All those who assist at this sacrifice with a sincere heart, a firm

faith, a respectful awe, an humble contrition, obtain mercy and receive the graces they need." — "Catechism of Trent."

OFFERING OF THE HOLY MASS.

ETERNAL Father! permit me to offer Thee the Heart of Jesus Christ, Thy well-beloved Son, as He offers Himself in sacrifice. Deign to accept on my behalf all the sentiments, all the movements, all the affections of this divine Heart; they are mine, since it is for me that He offers Himself. Receive them as the only homage worthy of Thee, the only means I have of rendering Thee infinite glory. Receive them in satisfaction for my sins, and through His merits grant to me, and to those for whom I pray, all the graces we need.

O Heart of Jesus, help me to assist at this adorable sacrifice with undivided attention, profound respect, lively faith, and ardent love. May my heart be the victim of Thy love, that I may be united to Thee and participate in Thy merits.

PRAYER AT THE BEGINNING OF MASS.

(*By St. Augustine.*)

O God! Who, for the redemption of the world, hast deigned to become man, to be rejected by the Jews, betrayed by the traitorous kiss of Judas, loaded with chains, led to sacrifice like an innocent lamb, shamefully dragged before Annas, Caiphas, Pilate, and Herod, and accused by false witnesses; Who hast been scourged and spit upon, crowned with thorns, buffeted, struck with a reed; Who didst permit Thy enemies to veil Thy face, to strip Thee of Thy clothes, and to nail Thee to the cross; Who wert willing to be confounded with robbers, to have vinegar and gall for Thy drink, to be pierced by a lance—O my Saviour, by all these cruel torments, upon which, unworthy as I am, I now meditate, and by Thy holy cross and death, deign to save me from the pains of hell, and to grant me, in virtue of this sacrifice, the remission of my sins, an increase of grace, and eternal happiness. Amen.

AT THE CONFITEOR.

I CONFESS to Almighty God, to Blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy apostles Peter and Paul, and to all the saints, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed [*here strike the breast thrice*], through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I beseech blessed Mary, ever Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy apostles Peter and Paul, and all the saints, to pray to the Lord our God for me.

AFTER THE CONFITEOR.

O MY God, Who hast commanded us to pray for one another, and in Thy holy Church hast given even to sinners the power of absolving from sin! receive with equal bounty the prayers of Thy people for the priest, and those of the priest for Thy people.

We beseech Thee, O Lord! by the merits of those saints whose relics are here, and of all the saints, that Thou wouldst vouchsafe to forgive us all our sins. Amen.

AT THE KYRIE.

LORD, have mercy upon us (*three times*).

Christ, have mercy upon us (*three times*).

Lord, have mercy upon us (*three times*).

AT THE GLORIA.

The Gloria is not said in Advent, Lent, nor in Masses for the dead.

GLORY be to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we adore Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee because of Thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty; O Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, Who takest away the sins of the

world, have mercy on us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayers. Thou that sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For Thou only art holy. Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Jesus Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

AN OFFERING TO BE MADE DURING MASS.

ETERNAL Father, I offer Thee the sacrifice which Thy beloved Son, Jesus, made of Himself on the cross and now renews on this altar. I offer it in the name of all creatures, together with the Masses which have been said and which will be said throughout the whole world, to adore Thee and to give Thee the honor which Thou deservest; to render to Thee the thanks which are due Thee for Thy numberless benefits; to appease Thy anger and to satisfy for our many sins; to supplicate Thee for myself, for the Church, for the whole world, and for the blessed souls in purgatory.

If said during Mass or at the beginning of the day, an indulgence of three years.

AT THE COLLECT.

O SWEETEST and most merciful Jesus! have mercy on Thy Church, have mercy on this country, and, especially, have mercy on all those who throughout the world are devoted to Thy Sacred Heart. We recommend to Thee all our affairs, all our wants. Have mercy on all mankind, for whom Thou hast shed Thy precious blood. Grant to the living pardon and grace, and to the faithful departed rest and light eternal.

AT THE EPISTLE.

PRAISE, honor, and glory to Thee, O Jesus! Who, born in the midst of poverty and the rigors of winter, didst not disdain to be wrapped in swaddling-clothes and laid in a manger. I adore Thee, O my Redeemer, O King of angels! I hail Thee, O Prince of peace, Light of nations, beloved Saviour of our souls!

Grant, O Lord, that I may ever keep myself before Thee in a spirit of humility and annihilation. Grant that for love of Thee I may willingly embrace whatever is most painful to nature, and that I may neither love nor desire to possess anything save Thee, my God.

AT THE GOSPEL.

PRAISE, honor, and glory to Thee, O Jesus, Saviour of the world! Who, thirsting for the salvation of souls, didst endure for them so much labor and fatigue; Who for their sakes didst pass entire nights in prayer, and didst weary Thyself going from city to city, from village to village! Grant, I implore Thee, that Thy love may also make me prompt and apt in every good work, and that I may never grow tepid in Thy service. Help me to know and to practise the holy counsels contained in Thy Gospel, and grant above all that I may penetrate the divine wisdom contained in Thy words:

"If any one will come after Me,

let him take up his cross and follow Me."

"Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me that I am meek and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

"What will it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

"Blessed are the poor in spirit. Blessed are the meek. Blessed are those who mourn. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after justice. Blessed are the merciful. Blessed are the clean of heart. Blessed are they who suffer persecution for justice' sake." "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, thy whole soul, and with all thy strength." "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

AT THE CREED.

I BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord

Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages; God of God, Light of light, true God of true God; begotten, not made; consubstantial with the Father, by Whom all things were made. Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven; and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary; and became man. [*Here all kneel down.*] He was crucified also for us, suffered under Pontius Pilate, and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, sitteth at the right hand of the Father; and He is to come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; of His kingdom there shall be no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life. Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son: Who together with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified: Who spoke by the prophets. And one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the remission

of sins. And I expect the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

AT THE OFFERTORY.

ACCEPT, O holy Father, almighty and eternal God! this unspotted Host, which I, Thy unworthy servant, offer Thee, my living and true God! for my innumerable sins, offences, and negligences, and for all here present, and for all faithful Christians, living and dead, that it may avail me and them to life everlasting. Amen.

We offer Thee, O Lord! the chalice of salvation, beseeching Thy clemency that it may ascend before Thy divine majesty as a sweet perfume, for our salvation and for that of the whole world. Amen.

When the priest washes his fingers, say:

Thou, Lord, Who once vouchsafedst to wash Thy disciples' feet

before their invitation to Thy holy table, wash us also, we beseech Thee, O Lord! and wash us again—not only our feet and our hands, but our hearts, our desires, our souls—that we may be wholly innocent and pure Amen.

AT THE ORATE FRATRES.

V. BRETHREN, pray that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable in the sight of God the Father Almighty.

R. May the Lord receive the sacrifice from thy hands, to the praise and glory of His name, to our benefit and to that of all His holy Church. Mercifully hear our prayers, O Lord! and graciously accept this oblation which we, Thy servants, are making to Thee, that, as we offer it to the honor of Thy name, so it may be to us a means of obtaining Thy grace here and in the next life everlasting happiness. Amen.

THE PREFACE.

V. THE Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We do lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is meet and just.

IT is truly meet and just, right and salutary, that we should always, and in all places, give thanks to Thee, O holy Lord, almighty Father, eternal God, through Christ Our Lord, by Whom the angels praise Thy majesty, the archangels adore it, the powers tremble before it, the heavens, and the virtues of heaven, and the blessed seraphs also with united exultation praise it. We pray Thee let our voices ascend with theirs to Thee, while with the deepest awe we confess and cry: Holy! holy! holy! Lord God of Sabaoth! heaven and earth are full of Thy glory! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he that cometh in

the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

THE CANON.

We earnestly pray and beseech Thee, most merciful Father, through Jesus Christ Our Lord, that Thou wilt accept and bless these gifts, these offerings, this unspotted sacrifice. We offer them for the holy Catholic Church, that Thou wilt be pleased to keep it in peace, to protect, unite, and govern it throughout the whole world, together with Thy servant [N.], our Pope, and [N.], our bishop, and all the true believers and followers of the holy Catholic faith. Be mindful, O Lord, of Thy servants, [here pray for those of your friends still living whose welfare you wish to recommend to God in this holy sacrifice]. Be mindful also of all here present, whose faith and devotion are known to Thee, for whom we offer this sacrifice of praise, or who offer it up for themselves, their families and friends. We pray for the safety of their souls, for their

final perseverance and eternal happiness, and, in fine, we recommend all their desires to Thee, the living, true, and everlasting God.

At the same time we honor the memory of the ever-glorious and immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of Our Lord and God Jesus Christ, and also of Thy blessed apostles, and all Thy holy martyrs and saints who have lived and died in this holy faith which we profess, and this only Church in which we live. For the sake of their merits and their prayers grant us in all things Thy help and protection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

We beseech Thee also, O Lord, graciously to accept this sacrifice at the hands of us, Thy servants, and of Thy holy family; bless the days of our life with Thy holy peace, save us from everlasting damnation, and may we be counted ever among the number of Thy elect. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. O God, may this offering be blessed, and in every way acceptable and agreeable to Thee, and for our salvation's sake

be changed into the body and blood of Thy beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

AT THE ELEVATION.

O my soul, behold thy God, thy Saviour, thy Judge! My God, I adore Thee; my Saviour, I love Thee; my Sovereign Judge, I am sorry for ever having offended Thee. O Heart of my Jesus, Whom I believe to be here really present, suffer me not to be separated from Thee during life. Grant that my heart may ever find repose in Thine, that I may die in Thy love, and thus go to contemplate and praise Thee for all eternity.

AFTER THE ELEVATION.

O Jesus, Son of God and of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary! my infinitely amiable God and Saviour, Who for love of me didst allow Thy Sacred Heart to be pierced by a lance, that thus I might discover the invisible wound which love had already made there, I adore

Thee, I love Thee, I glorify Thee, together with the Father and the Holy Ghost.

O Eternal Father! look upon Thy beloved Son, Whom I offer Thee as a sacrifice of praise, gratitude, and propitiation. I implore Thee by His tears, His bloody sweat, by the sighs and groans of His Sacred Heart, by his labors and obedience, by His torments and sufferings, by His infinite merits, to have mercy on me and on all mankind. Grant us the grace of loving Thee perfectly in time and in eternity.

AT THE MEMENTO OF THE DEAD.

O MOST merciful Father! for the sake of Thy beloved Son have mercy on the souls of the faithful departed, especially [N.N.], and on all those for whom Thou desirest me to pray. Grant them, in Thy clemency, pardon and eternal rest, that they may bless, praise, and glorify Thee eternally, O Thou Who art worthy of all praise, honor, and glory

AT THE PATER NOSTER.

INSTRUCTED by Thy saving precepts, and following Thy divine institution, we presume to say: Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

AT THE BREAKING OF THE HOST.

O LORD JESUS! by that sea of bitterness into which, for my sake, Thou wert plunged when dying on the cross, above all by that moment in which Thy holy soul was separated from Thy body, have mercy on my soul now and at the hour of my death.

AT THE AGNUS DEI.

LAMB of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, have

mercy on us, and offer Thyself to God the Father with all Thy humility and all Thy patience in satisfaction for our sins.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, and offer Thyself to God the Father with all the bitterness of Thy Passion for our reconciliation to God.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, grant us peace, and offer Thyself to God the Father with all the love of Thy divine Heart to supply for all our necessities. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, Who, according to Thy Father's will, and by the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, hast given life to the world through Thine own death, deliver me by this Thy most sacred body and blood from all my sins, and from every evil. Make me cling to Thy commandments always, and never let me be separated from Thee.

AT THE DOMINE NON SUM DIGNUS.

Strike your breast with humility and contrition, and say thrice :

LORD, I am not worthy Thou shouldst enter under my roof; say only the word and my soul shall be healed.

If not prepared to communicate sacramentally, communicate spiritually by saying:

MOST loving Jesus, I adore Thee with a lively faith, Who art present in this sacrament by virtue of Thy infinite power, wisdom, and goodness. But, conscious of my infirmities and sins, I dare not receive Thee sacramentally. All my hope is in Thee! I love Thee, O Lord, with all my heart, Who hast so loved me, and therefore I desire to receive Thee now spiritually. Come, therefore, O Lord, to me in spirit and heal my sinful soul. Feed me, for I am hungry ; strengthen me, for I am weak ; enliven and sanctify me with Thy sacred body and blood ; deliver me from all sin, and make me always

obedient to Thy commands; let me never be separated from Thee, my Saviour, Who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest one God for ever and ever. Amen.

AFTER COMMUNION.

While the priest is repeating the Collect, pray as follows:

ALMIGHTY God, I thank Thee with my whole heart for all the mercies and benefits Thou hast bestowed on me, but above all that Thou hast given Thy Son Jesus Christ to be the propitiation for our sins, and His body and blood for the nourishment of our souls. O merciful God, watch over me, and forbid that I should ever assist at this holy sacrifice in an irreverent manner, or receive unworthily this most sacred food. Through the same Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

AT THE ITE MISSA EST AND THE BLESSING.

MAY this service which is now ended be pleasing to Thee. O

Most Holy Trinity, and grant that the sacrifice here offered by Thy servant the priest may be acceptable in Thy sight, and may bring reconciliation and salvation to me and to all for whom it has been offered. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

May the Almighty God, ✝ Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, bless us now and evermore. Amen.

THE LAST GOSPEL.

According to St. John.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God; the same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him, and without Him was made nothing that was made; in Him was life, and the life was the light of men, and the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness to give testimony of the light, that all men might believe through him. He was not the light, but

was to give testimony of the light. That was the true light which enlighteneth every man that cometh into this world. He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them He gave power to become the sons of God; to those that believe in His name, who are born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh [*here the people kneel down*], and dwelt among us; and we saw His glory, the glory as it were of the only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. Thanks be to God.

Prayers Ordered by Our Holy Father Pope Leo XIII.

To be said kneeling after the celebration of Low Mass.

The priest with the people recites the Hail Mary thrice; then the Salve Regina.

SALVE REGINA.

HAIL! holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us, and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let Us Pray.

O GOD, our refuge and our strength, look down with favor upon Thy people, who cry to Thee; and through the intercession of the glorious and immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of God, of her spouse, blessed Joseph, of Thy holy apostles Peter and Paul, and all the

saints, mercifully and graciously hear the prayers which we pour forth to Thee for the conversion of sinners and the liberty and exaltation of holy mother Church. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Add the Invocation.

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our protection against the malice and snares of the devil. We humbly beseech God to command him, and do thou, O prince of the heavenly host, by the divine power thrust into hell Satan and the other evil spirits who roam through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Three hundred days' indulgence.—Pope Leo XIII.

Invocation.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us! (*Three times.*)

Indulgence of 7 years and 7 quarantines.—Pope Pius X., June 7, 1904.

Act of Reparation for Blasphemy, page 121.

Devotions for Confession.

INSTRUCTION.

THE Sacrament of Penance has been given to us by God's mercy that after having committed a sin we may quickly correct ourselves and make atonement for it. In it we exercise serious virtues; we begin to know and humble ourselves. To receive the sacrament with most benefit to our souls we must be actuated by a great faith, firmly resolving to grow better and to lead purer lives. We should say with the Psalmist, "Wash me yet more from my iniquities and cleanse me from my sins." Call on the Holy Ghost to inspire us with light to see our faults. Examine our conscience, be sorry for our sins, resolve to correct them, atone for them by performing the penance given by the priest, and lastly add some little mortification of our own

choosing. Go to confession as soon as possible after committing a sin which our conscience tells us is mortal. The Church binds us under pain of sin to make our confession at Easter or thereabout.

BEFORE CONFESSION.

O my God, I am about to present myself at Thy tribunal in order to confess my sins and obtain pardon for them, according to Thy promise. Enlighten me, that I may know them clearly; give me Thy love, that I may bewail them with a true contrition; Thy truth, that I may accuse myself truly and without prevarication; Thy strength, in order that I may not fall into them again, and that I may do sincere penance for them.

But, O my God, how can I know my sins if Thou dost not enlighten my darkness, as it will be one day dispelled, when I shall appear in Thy awful presence. Give me now Thy light; make me see myself such as I really am, that I may know the number and enormity of my iniquities; that, accusing myself now at

the tribunal of Thy mercy, I may avoid condemnation at the tribunal of Thy justice.

O God, the Father of light! Thou Who enlightenest all men that come into this world, send into my poor soul a ray of the holy light of love and contrition that I may know, detest, and confess the sins which I have committed against Thee. I desire to see my sins in all their enormity and just as they are in Thy sight. I wish to detest them for the love of Thee, and to confess them with the same sincerity as I should wish to do at the moment of my death. Jesus, my God and Saviour, I offer to Thee the examination which I am going to make, and I look to Thee with confidence for the grace to do it well. And do thou, O Mother of God, assist me, thou who art so full of compassion for sinners that desire truly to repent of their sins.

Help me, my holy guardian angel! help me to know all the offences which I have committed against my God. Oh! all ye saints in heaven, pray for me that I may

bring forth worthy fruits of penance. Amen.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Thy love.

V. Send forth Thy spirit, and they shall be created.

R. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let Us Pray.

O God, Who by the light of the Holy Ghost didst instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant us by the same Holy Spirit a love and relish of what is right and just and the constant enjoyment of His holy consolations. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Examine your conscience with sincerity and attention, and see, without attempting to deceive yourself, what you have done against God, your neighbor, and yourself. When you have discovered the sins, and perhaps crimes which disfigure your soul, excite there in a hearty sorrow and firm purpose of amendment.

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE.

First Commandment. — Ignorance of the great truths, prayers, etc.; neglecting to say your morning or night prayers; going to sermons or prayers in Protestant churches; giving scandal by it, or joining with them in worship; reading Protestant books; wilfully doubting, denying, or disbelieving the Catholic faith or speaking against it; despairing of God's help, or expecting it without doing what He commands you; murmuring against God or His providence; not helping the poor; leading others into sin; consulting fortune-tellers or those who use charms, spells, cards; reading bad books; behaving ill in church or to any holy person or thing; neglecting your penance; receiving any sacrament with bad dispositions. (How often each sin?)

Second Commandment.—Speaking ill of God or the saints or what is sacred; cursing; an oath in a lie, or to do what is sinful; a custom of swearing; breaking a lawful oath.

Third Commandment. — Working on Sundays or holydays without necessity; losing Mass on Sundays or holydays by your own neglect, or playing or talking during Mass; stopping away from Sunday-school, catechism, etc.

Fourth Commandment.—Not loving or helping your parents; striking them or showing disrespect to them, especially in their presence; cursing them or calling them bad names; disobedience to them; if in any great thing, for example, by going into dangerous company.

Fifth Commandment.—Evil wishes on yourself or another, especially if from your heart; quarrelling, hatred, keeping spite, revenge, fighting, doing harm to the life or health of yourself or another.

Sixth and Ninth Commandments.—Immodest thoughts (if wilful); immodest desires, words, looks, actions, alone or with others, with married persons or relations or with anything; going into bad company, to bad dancing-houses, etc.; keeping dangerous company with persons of

the other sex; reading or keeping bad books.

Seventh and Tenth Commandments. —Stealing; what did you steal, and how often? helping others to steal; receiving stolen things; cheating; injuring others in their goods or any way; not restoring to another what is his, or not paying your debts, breaking a promise of marriage or any agreement without just reason.

Eighth Commandment. — Lies; speaking ill of others; rash judgments; unjust suspicions; using bad language to others, reading their letters, etc.; causing quarrels by talebearing.

Commandments of the Church.— Breaking the abstinence or fast; neglecting the sacraments or your Easter duties; being in secret or forbidden societies; pride, covetousness, lust, anger, gluttony, envy, sloth; wilfully concealing a sin in confession through shame. How often each sin?

For Married Persons. — Invalid marriages with relations, etc.; marrying in any way against the regula-

tions of the Church; cruelty or bad behavior to one another; giving their affections to another; leaving one another without just cause; wasteful spending of money; wife not taking care of the household; anything which might scandalize children.

For Parents.—Allowing children to be brought up in false religion; cruelty to or cursing them; not sending them to a good school; neglect about their Baptism or their prayers; not sending them when seven years old to confession, Mass, or catechism; letting them say bad words, read bad books, go into bad company, or keep dangerous company with persons of the other sex; not letting them follow their vocation to be nuns, etc.; without just reason hindering their marriage or forcing them to marry.

For Masters and Mistresses.—Ill-treatment of servants; overworking them; not giving them food enough; not paying their wages; breaking the agreement; allowing them to commit sin or asking them to do what is sinful; letting them neglect

their religious duties, Mass, or the sacraments.

AN ACT OF CONTRITION.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Thou overflowing fountain of all mercy, behold I, Thy wretched and unhappy creature, return once more to Thee, and accuse myself in the bitterness of my soul of not having kept my good resolutions. I have fallen into my former sins; I have served Thee with extreme negligence, and have been lukewarm and careless in my devotions; I have entangled myself too much in vain and transitory things; I have far too eagerly sought earthly and hurtful pleasures, and in innumerable ways have many times offended Thee, the sweetest spouse of my soul. And although Thine essential blessedness, O my God, can neither be increased nor diminished, forasmuch as Thou canst have no need of me or of my goods, nevertheless my sinful and careless life does in some sort tend to the prejudice of Thy honor and glory. Thou knowest, O my God, what sorrow I

feel for all these my sins. Wherefore, O most tender Father, I confess to Thee with most bitter contrition of heart all those sins whereof Thou knowest me guilty, most humbly beseeching that Thou Thyself wouldst supply my insufficiency from the treasures of that infinite love the fulness of which rests on Him Who now sitteth at Thy right hand. For it is through Him that I pour forth before Thee my lamentation over my exceeding misery for having so often offended Thy goodness in thought, word, and deed. I offer and set forth before Thee now in satisfaction for my negligences and for the blotting out of my iniquities that surpassing prayer of Thy most beloved Son in the Garden of Gethsemani when the extreme and mysterious anguish of His soul wrung from His sacred body that bloody sweat. Amen.

A PETITION TO JESUS BY ST. GERTRUDE.

O MOST compassionate Jesus, full of pity and of mercy. Who

despisest not the sighing of the wretched, alas! my whole life is perished and gone without fruit, nor have I ever done anything good in Thy sight. To Thee, therefore, I betake myself, imploring Thy clemency. Do Thou speak for me, do Thou satisfy for me. Wash away all the defilement of my sinful eyes with the pure tears of Thy most glorious eyes. By the sweet compassion of Thy blessed ears take away all the iniquity of my sinful ears. By the pure intention of Thy most holy thoughts, and by the ardent love of Thy pierced heart, wash away all the guilt of my evil thoughts and of my wicked heart. By the thrilling power of the sweet words of Thy blessed mouth blot out all the offences of my polluted mouth. By the perfection of Thy actions and the crucifixion of Thy hands wash away all the offences of my impious hands. By the painful weariness of Thy blessed feet, and by their cruel piercing with the nails, wash away all the defilement of my sinful feet. By the majestic innocence of Thy life and by

Thy unblemished holiness wash away the foulness of my corrupt life. Finally, do Thou wash away, efface, extinguish all the sins of my heart and my soul in the abundant streams of Thy precious blood, that by Thy holy merits I may be thoroughly cleansed, and henceforward keep all Thy commandments blameless. Amen.

AT CONFESSION.

Approach the confessional with the same recollectedness, silence, and modesty which would fill your heart if Christ Our Lord were seated there in person ready to hear your confession, and not the priest, who is really His representative. When you kneel down, say: "Bless me, father, for I have sinned;" and then tell when you last approached the sacraments and begin to accuse yourself of all your sins with humility and simplicity. After this confession pay attention to and accept the sacramental penance which is enjoined; listen with docility to the voice of the priest, and consult him upon any difficulty which may embarrass your mind. The penance must be performed within

the time fixed by the confessor, and should he not fix the time it ought to be performed within a short time, for if put off for a long time we are apt to forget it, or even neglect it altogether.

THANKSGIVING AFTER CONFESSION.

How great are Thy mercies towards me, O Lord, in having pardoned my sins after so many relapses! I now know better than ever the evil of having offended a God of infinite goodness. Thou mightest have condemned me a thousand times, and cast me into hell, as Thy justice demanded, but Thou hast had compassion on me.

Ah, blessed forever be Thy unspeakable and infinite mercy! How can I thank Thee worthily, O Lord? Ye heavens and earth, assist me in offering thanksgivings to my God.

O Lord, I unite myself with every creature in earth and heaven, exclaiming with them, "Salvation to our God, Who sitteth upon the throne, and to the Lamb. Benediction, and glory, and wisdom, and

thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and strength to our God, for ever and ever.'' Amen.

Mary, my most tender Mother, lend me thy heart, that I may love thy divine Son. Ye blessed angels, thank God in my place. All ye saints, come to my aid.

OFFERING OF THE PENANCE ENJOINED AT CONFESSION.

O most holy Father, I offer Thee this my confession and my satisfaction in union with all the acts of penance which have ever been done to the glory of Thy holy name, beseeching Thee that Thou wouldst vouchsafe to accept it, and to render it availing through the merits of the Passion of Thy beloved Son, and through the intercession of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, and of all Thy holy apostles, martyrs, confessors, and virgins. Whatever has been lacking to me in sincere and earnest preparation, in perfect contrition, in frank and clear confession, I commend to the most loving Heart of

Thine only-begotten Son, that treasury of all good and of all grace, from whose overflowing abundance all debts to Thee are fully acquitted: that through it all my negligences and defects in the reception of this holy sacrament may be fully and perfectly supplied, to Thine everlasting praise and glory, and that Thou mayest effectually absolve me in heaven, even as Thy minister has, with Thy authority, absolved me here on earth. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost world without end. Amen.

The Seven Penitential Psalms.

ANTHEM.

REMEMBER not, O Lord, our offences, nor those of our parents; neither take Thou vengeance of our sins.

PSALM VI.

O LORD, rebuke me not in Thy indignation, nor chastise me in Thy wrath.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am weak; heal me, O Lord, for my bones are troubled.

And my soul is troubled exceedingly; but Thou, O Lord, how long?

Turn to me, O Lord, and deliver my soul; oh, save me for Thy mercy's sake.

For there is no one in death that is mindful of Thee; and who shall confess to Thee in hell?

I have labored in my groaning; every night I will wash my bed; I will water my couch with my tears.

My eye is troubled through indignation; I have grown old amongst all my enemies.

Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity, for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.

The Lord hath heard my supplication; the Lord hath received my prayer.

Let all my enemies be ashamed, and be very much troubled; let them be turned back and be ashamed very speedily.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

PSALM XXXI.

BLESSED are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the man to whom the Lord hath not imputed sin, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

Because I was silent my bones grew old; whilst I cried out all the day long.

For day and night Thy hand was heavy upon me; I am turned in my anguish, whilst the thorn is fastened.

I have acknowledged my sin to Thee, and my injustice I have not concealed.

I said I will confess against myself my injustice to the Lord; and Thou hast forgiven the wickedness of my sin.

For this shall every one that is holy pray to Thee, in a seasonable time.

And yet in a flood of many waters, they shall not come nigh unto Him.

Thou art my refuge from the trouble which hath encompassed me;

my joy, deliver me from them that surround me.

I will give thee understanding, and I will instruct thee in this way in which thou shalt go: I will fix My eyes upon thee.

Do not become like the horse and the mule, that have no understanding.

With bit and bridle bind fast their jaws, who come not near unto Thee.

Many are the scourges of the sinner, but mercy shall encompass him that hopeth in the Lord.

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye just: and glory, all ye right of heart.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

PSALM XXXVII.

REBUKE me not, O Lord, in Thy indignation, nor chastise me in Thy wrath.

For Thy arrows are fastened in me, and Thy hand hath been strong upon me.

There is no health in my flesh,

because of Thy wrath: there is no peace for my bones, because of my sins.

For my iniquities are gone over my head; and, as a heavy burden, are become heavy upon me.

My sores are putrified and corrupted, because of my foolishness.

I am become miserable, and am bowed down even to the end: I walked sorrowful all the day long.

For my loins are filled with illusions: and there is no health in my flesh.

I am afflicted and humbled exceedingly: I roared with the groaning of my heart.

Lord, all my desire is before Thee, and my groaning is not hid from Thee.

My heart is troubled, my strength hath left me, and the light of my eyes itself is not with me.

My friends and my neighbors have drawn near, and stood against me.

And they that were near me stood afar off: and they that sought my soul used violence.

And they that sought evils to me spoke vain things, and studied deceits all the day long.

But I, as a deaf man, heard not: and was as a dumb man not opening his mouth.

And I became as a man that heareth not: and that hath no reproofs in his mouth.

For in Thee, O Lord, have I hoped: Thou wilt hear me, O Lord my God.

For I said, lest at any time my enemies rejoice over me, and whilst my feet are moved, they speak great things against me.

For I am ready for scourges, and my sorrow is continually before me.

For I will declare my iniquity; and I will think for my sin.

But my enemies live, and are stronger than I: and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.

They that render evil for good have detracted me, because I followed goodness.

Forsake me not, O Lord my God: do not Thou depart from me.

Attend unto my help, O Lord, the God of my salvation.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

PSALM L.

HAVE mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy.

And according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my iniquity.

Wash me yet more from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my iniquity, and my sin is always before me.

To Thee only have I sinned, and have done evil before Thee: that Thou mayest be justified in Thy words, and mayest overcome when Thou art judged.

For behold, I was conceived in iniquities: and in sins did my mother conceive me.

For behold, Thou hast loved truth: the uncertain and hidden things of Thy wisdom Thou hast made manifest to me.

Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed: Thou

shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

To my hearing Thou shalt give joy and gladness; and the bones that have been humbled shall rejoice.

Turn away Thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create a clean heart in me, O God: and renew a right spirit within my bowels.

Cast me not away from Thy face; and take not Thy holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and strengthen me with a perfect spirit.

I will teach the unjust Thy ways: and the wicked shall be converted to Thee.

Deliver me from blood, O God, Thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall extol Thy justice.

O Lord, Thou wilt open my lips: and my mouth shall declare Thy praise.

For if Thou hadst desired sacrifice, I would indeed have given it; with burnt-offerings Thou wilt not be delighted.

A sacrifice to God is an afflicted spirit: a contrite and humble heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

Deal favorably, O Lord, in Thy good-will with Sion: that the walls of Jerusalem may be built up.

Then shalt thou accept the sacrifice of justice, oblations, and whole burnt-offerings; then shall they lay calves upon Thy altar.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

PSALM CI.

HEAR, O Lord, my prayer, and let my cry come unto Thee.

Turn not away Thy face from me: in the day when I am in trouble incline Thy ear to me.

In what day soever I shall call upon Thee, hear me speedily.

For my days are vanished like smoke; and my bones are grown dry, like fuel for the fire.

I am smitten as grass, and my heart is withered, because I forgot to eat my bread.

Through the voice of my groaning, my bone hath cleaved to my flesh.

I am become like to a pelican of

the wilderness: I am like a night-raven in the house.

I have watched, and am become as a sparrow, all alone on the house-top.

All the day long my enemies reproached me: and they that praised me did swear against me.

For I did eat ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping.

Because of Thy anger and indignation: for having lifted me up, Thou hast thrown me down.

My days have declined like a shadow, and I am withered like grass.

But Thou, O Lord, endurest forever: and Thy memorial to all generations.

Thou shalt arise and have mercy on Sion, for it is time to have mercy on it, for the time is come.

For the stones thereof have pleased Thy servants: and they shall have pity on the earth thereof.

And the Gentiles shall fear Thy name, O Lord: and all the kings of the earth Thy glory.

For the Lord hath built up Sion: and He shall be seen in His glory.

He hath regard to the prayer of the humble: and He hath not despised their petition.

Let these things be written unto another generation: and the people that shall be created shall praise the Lord.

Because He hath looked forth from His high sanctuary; from heaven the Lord hath looked upon the earth:

That He might hear the groans of them that are in fetters: that He might release the children of the slain:

That they may declare the name of the Lord in Sion; and His praise in Jerusalem.

When the people assembled together, and kings to serve the Lord.

He answered him in the way of his strength: declare unto me the fewness of my days.

Call me not away in the midst of my days: Thy years are unto generation and generation.

In the beginning, O Lord, Thou foundest the earth: and the heavens are the works of Thy hands.

They shall perish, but Thou re-

mainest: and all of them shall grow old, like a garment.

And as a vesture Thou shalt change them, and they shall be changed: but Thou art always the self-same, and Thy years shall not fail.

The children of Thy servants shall continue; and their seed shall be directed forever.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

PSALM CXXIX.

Out of the depths I have cried to Thee, O Lord:

Lord, hear my voice.

Let Thy ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

If Thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities, Lord, who shall stand?

For with Thee there is merciful forgiveness: and by reason of Thy law I have waited for Thee, O Lord.

My soul hath relied on His word: my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the morning watch, even until night, let Israel hope in the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is

mercy, and with Him plentiful redemption.

And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

PSALM CXLII.

HEAR, O Lord, my prayer: give ear to my supplication in Thy truth: hear me in Thy justice.

And enter not into judgment with Thy servant: for in Thy sight no man living shall be justified.

For the enemy hath persecuted my soul: he hath brought down my life to the earth.

He hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been dead of old: and my spirit is in anguish within me: my heart within me is troubled.

I remembered the days of old: I meditated on all Thy works: I mused upon the works of Thy hands.

I stretched forth my hands to Thee: my soul is as earth without water unto Thee.

Hear me speedily, O Lord: my spirit hath fainted away.

Turn not away Thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

Cause me to hear Thy mercy in the morning, for in Thee have I hoped.

Make the way known to me wherein I should walk: for I have lifted up my soul to Thee.

Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord, to Thee have I fled: teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God.

Thy good Spirit shall lead me into the right land; for Thy name's sake, O Lord, Thou wilt quicken me in Thy justice.

Thou wilt bring my soul out of trouble: and in Thy mercy Thou wilt destroy my enemies.

And Thou wilt cut off all them that afflict my soul: for I am Thy servant.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

ANTHEM.

REMEMBER not, O Lord, our offences, nor those of our parents; neither take Thou vengeance of our sins.

Devotions for Communion.

INSTRUCTION.

THERE is no action in the religious life of a Christian that demands more respect, piety, fervor, in short all highest sentiments of which the soul is capable, than the participation in the holy mysteries of religion, the reception of the sacrament by excellence Holy Eucharist. Holy communion or the reception of the Holy Eucharist is the greatest happiness, the greatest grace of God. When we think that a poor creature receives into his soul the body and blood, the soul and divinity, of a God, reason is at a standstill—faith alone can raise us to the comprehension of such a favor. After the Mass holy communion is the holiest, the most sublime, the most glorious action which man can offer to God in this world. A good communion can obtain

for us more graces than any other act of religion. by it we can gain more merit than by all other practices of piety together. One holy communion received with the right dispositions would make us a saint. In it we will find the very fountain of life, the bread of angels, the food of the strong, the hope of the elect, the germ of immortality, the pledge of eternal happiness. Hence it follows that we ought to give communion our greatest attention, make the most careful preparation for its reception, and seek to possess ourselves of the necessary dispositions to receive it worthily.

But what are those dispositions which we ought to have in our heart? St. Paul, speaking of the preparation, bids us "to prove ourselves." The Council of Trent, speaking of this text and explaining its meaning, says, "The proving of the soul consists in a very serious self-examination;" and should we find that we are guilty of a serious offence, we should purify ourselves by the Sacrament of Penance before approaching the sacred table.

Besides this essential preparation, there are dispositions and sentiments which the dignity and sanctity of this

august sacrament call for. There is a preparation of the spirit, of the heart and the body.

Preparation of the spirit: A lively faith, a profound respect, and a sincere humility.

Preparation of the heart: A great sanctity, a desire to receive, and an ardent love.

Preparation of the body: Not only outward respect and the strictest abstinence from food and drink, but also a mortification of the exterior senses so as to insure the greatest attention with the least distraction.

In your communion you can think with love and gratitude on the sublime attributes of God Who deigns to unite Himself to you. He is the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, the Word of the Eternal Father, the Word made flesh, the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. He is the beloved Son of God, in Whom He was well pleased Whom He gave us as a model, and to Whom we should listen. He is the true Messias, Who is our Way and our Life. the King of kings, the Lord of lords. Whose reign shall have no end. He only can lead us to the Father, He without Whom we can do nothing.

Oh! if we had the lively faith to realize that we are about to receive the spotless Lamb, the Lamb of God, not a human being, but God Himself, our soul would be a sanctuary, yes, heaven itself.

Think that you are going to entertain Him Who created heaven and earth, He Who is the joy of the angels and saints in heaven.

ACTS OF DEVOTION BEFORE COMMUNION.

(*Direct Your Intention.*)

O Lord Jesus Christ, King of everlasting glory! behold, I desire to come to Thee this day, and to receive Thy body and blood in this heavenly sacrament, for Thy honor and glory and the good of my soul. I desire to receive Thee, because it is Thy desire and Thou hast so ordained: blessed be Thy name forever. I desire to come to Thee, like Magdalen, that I may be delivered from all my evils and embrace Thee, my only good. I desire to come to Thee that I may be happily united to Thee, that I may henceforth abide

in Thee and Thou in me, and that nothing in life or death may ever separate me from Thee.

I desire in these holy mysteries to commemorate, as Thou hast commanded, all Thy sufferings: Thy agony and bloody sweat; Thy being betrayed and apprehended; all the reproaches and calumnies, all the scoffs and affronts, all the blows and buffets, Thou hast endured for me; Thy being scourged, crowned with thorns, and loaded with a heavy cross for my sins and for those of the whole world; Thy crucifixion and death, together with Thy glorious resurrection and triumphant ascension. I adore Thee and give Thee thanks for all that Thou hast done and suffered for us; and for giving us in this Blessed Sacrament, this pledge of our redemption, this Victim of our ransom, this body and blood which was offered for us.

AN ACT OF FAITH.

I MOST firmly believe that in this holy sacrament Thou art truly present, O my Lord and my Saviour!

that here is Thy body and blood, Thy soul and Thy divinity. I believe that Thou, true God and true man, art really here with all the treasures of Thy loving Heart; that here Thou givest Thyself to us to make us partakers of the fruits of Thy Passion and as a pledge of eternal life. I believe that there is no greater happiness in life than to receive Thee worthily, nor a greater misfortune than to receive Thee unworthily. O Heart of Jesus, here truly present, grant that my faith may be lively and efficacious, so that my heart may be worthy to receive Thee.

AN ACT OF CONTRITION.

O Lord, I detest with my whole heart all the sins by which I have ever offended Thy divine majesty and grieved the Heart which has loved me so much. Behold, O Lord, I lay all my iniquities at Thy feet to be cancelled by Thy precious blood. Hear me and pardon me by that infinite love by which Thou hast shed Thy blood for me. Oh, let

not Thy blood be shed in vain. I detest my sins, because they have offended Thy infinite goodness. By Thy grace I will never commit sin again; I will grieve for my offences as long as I live. Forgive me, dear Lord, for Thy mercy's sake; pardon me in the clemency of Thy heart, and for the future be Thou my protector, that I may never more offend Thee.

AN ACT OF LOVE.

O Lord Jesus, the God of my heart and the life of my soul, as the hart panteth after the fountains of water, so does my soul pant after Thee, the source of life and the ocean of all good. Oh, happy moment when I shall be admitted to the embrace of the living God, for Whom my soul languishes with love; happy moment when my heart shall repose in the Heart of my God! Come, O my Jesus, take full possession of my heart forever. I offer it to Thee without reserve; I consecrate it to Thee for time and eternity. I love Thee with my whole soul above all things, and I desire to love Thee more and more.

A PRAYER FOR GRACE.

O my God, Thou knowest my poverty and misery and that of myself I can do nothing. Thou knowest how unworthy I am of this infinite favor, and Thou alone canst make me worthy. By Thy Heart, so full of sanctity, sanctify my heart and prepare it to receive Thee. Cleanse my soul from its stains; clothe it with the nuptial garment of purity and charity; adorn it with the virtues of Thy Heart and make it a fit abode for Thee—so that this heavenly visit which Thou deignest for my salvation may not by my unworthiness be perverted to my own destruction.

A PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN AND THE SAINTS.

O all ye blessed angels and saints of God, who see, face to face, Him whom I here receive under these humble veils, and thou especially, ever-blessed Virgin, Mother of this

same God and Saviour, I most humbly beg the assistance of your prayers and intercession, that I may receive Him in such a manner here in this place of banishment as to be brought one day to enjoy Him with you in our true country, and there to praise Him and love Him forever. Amen.

AN INVITATION TO JESUS BY ST. GERTRUDE.

O JESUS, surpassingly sweet, Who hast said with Thine own gracious lips that Thy delights are to be with the children of men, my soul longeth for Thee, my heart yearneth for Thee. Wherefore I invite Thee to come unto me with all that devotion and that love wherewith any loving soul hath ever invited Thee to itself. Come, then, O most beloved spouse of my soul, come, O most beloved and only love of my soul, come into the poor and wretched hovel of my heart. Come, thou heavenly Physician, come and heal my stricken soul.

AT COMMUNION.

WHEN the moment comes to approach the railing, excite in your heart a new act of contrition while the Confiteor is recited and the priest pronounces the absolution in order to merit more and more the remission of your sins and obtain a perfect purity to receive the spotless Lamb. At the Agnus Dei and Domine non sum pour forth your heart in sentiments of love, contrition, respect, self-immolation, and tenderness. Say interiorly:

WHENCE comes it that this Lamb of God, that this God of purity and majesty, can vouchsafe to lower Himself to me, so unworthy of His presence? Yes, Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst come to me; say but the word and my soul shall be healed."

Communicate with these sentiments and the religious feeling which faith inspires, and after receiving retire with respectful modesty, and remain some time in sweet and holy silence, with eyes cast down to avoid distraction.

AFTER COMMUNION.

THE time immediately following the reception of holy communion is the most precious, for then Jesus Christ is corporally present in your breast. If you have realized what you have been doing, you ought by this time to be full of God's presence, deeply impressed with a lively faith that the living God has taken possession of your soul. You have many petitions to make, you have much to regret in your past life, and you have to promise a great deal for the future.

Remain in church at least ten minutes after communion. Do not manifest your careless forgetfulness of God's goodness by your haste to go home.

ASPIRATIONS.

BLESS the Lord, O my soul! and let all that is within me bless His holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul! and never forget all that He hath done for thee.

Behold, O Lord, I possess Thee now, Who possessest all things and

canst do all things. Take off my heart, then, O my God and my all, from all other things but Thee; for in them there is nothing but vanity and affliction of spirit. Let my heart be fixed on Thee alone, let it ever repose on Thy Heart, for there is my treasure, my true happiness, and a blessed eternity.

Let my soul, O Lord, feel the sweetness of Thy presence. Let me taste how sweet Thou art, that, being allured by Thy love, I may never more run after worldly pleasures, for Thou art the joy of my heart and my portion forever. Thou art the Physician of my soul, Who healest all infirmities by Thy sacred blood. Behold, O Lord, he whom Thou hast deigned to visit is sick. Heal me, therefore, for I have sinned against Thee.

Thou art the Good Shepherd, Who hast laid down Thy life for Thy sheep. Behold, I am the sheep that was lost, and yet Thou vouchsafest to feed me with Thy body and blood. Take me now on Thy shoulders and carry me to Thy fold. Oh, let me not

wander again into the wilderness of sin, but remain faithful to the love of Thy Heart during the rest of my life. O King of heaven and earth, rich in mercy, behold, I am poor and needy. Thou knowest what I stand most in need of. Help me, O God, and out of the treasury of Thy Heart supply the wants of my soul.

O my God and my All, may the sweet flames of Thy love consume my heart, that I may die to the world for love of Thee, Who hast vouchsafed to die on the cross for love of me. My Lord and my God, I return Thee thanks for the numberless graces Thou hast lavished upon me, and particularly for the merciful union Thou hast contracted with me this day. And since it is not in my power to thank Thee worthily, I beg to thank Thee through that most excellent form of thanksgiving the Holy Eucharist.

O my divine Lord, I offer Thee my body and its senses, my soul and its faculties, my heart and its sentiments. My thoughts, my desires, my words, my actions, my whole be

ing, are Thine. Since Thou hast given Thyself wholly to me, can I do less than give myself wholly to Thee? O my dear Jesus, deign to accept the offering I present Thee.

ACT OF PETITION.

O BOUNTEOUS source of all goodness, what canst Thou refuse me after having given Thyself wholly to me? Grant me, O divine Jesus, to persevere in Thy holy love. Give me a still greater sorrow for my past sins, and strengthen the sincere resolution I have formed of never more offending Thee. Hear the prayers I address Thee for the Catholic Church, our Holy Father the Pope, for my dear parents, friends, and enemies, and for the poor suffering souls in purgatory.

PRAYER OF ST. GERTRUDE.

O GOOD Jesus, O sweet Jesus, O Jesus most lovely, O Jesus my only salvation and my consolation, whence is this to me that Thou shouldst come unto me, and not ab-

hor to enter into my most polluted heart, defiled as it is with such exceeding stains and sins? Blessed be Thy coming unto me, and blessed the sweetness of the love which has constrained Thee to visit me, Thy poor and worthless creature. I cast myself now in the very dust before Thy face with the most profound humility and due reverence, and I kiss Thy most sacred feet and adore Thee, and I most humbly beseech Thee that Thou wouldst forgive me for having received Thee, my Lord, with so great negligence, distraction, and lack of devotion.

Pardon me, O most tender Jesus, and through Thy life-giving death blot out my great iniquity, and vouchsafe Thyself to supply all my defects and satisfy for all my negligences. Wherefore, I beseech Thee, deign to receive my communion into Thy Sacred Heart, and offer it to God the Father with all the love with which Thou didst offer Thyself upon the cross.

And now, O good Jesus, I offer and make over to Thee my most un

worthy heart, beseeching Thee that Thou wouldst wash it in that most precious water which Thy divine love caused to gush forth from Thy sweetest Heart, fairer and more fragrant than the rose, glowing as a furnace with the ardor of Thy love, and that Thou wouldst sprinkle and revive it with the sweetest wine of Thy most sacred blood, pressed from Thy divine Heart, as from a cluster of ripe grapes in the wine-press of Thy cross. Amen.

PRAYER OF ST. IGNATIUS.

SOUL of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within Thy wounds hide me.
Suffer me not to be separated from Thee.
From the malicious enemy defend me.
In the hour of my death call me,

And bid me come to Thee,
That with Thy saints I may praise Thee
For ever and ever. Amen.

An indulgence of seven years after holy communion.

TO JESUS CRUCIFIED.

O Lord Jesus! by that bitterness which Thou didst suffer for me on the cross, chiefly when Thy blessed soul was separated from Thy body, have mercy on my soul, now and at its departure from this world, that it may be admitted to life everlasting. Amen.

Vespers for Sunday.

Instruction.

Every good Christian considers it as a kind of obligation to assist regularly at Vespers every Sunday. The entire day of the Lord belongs to Him: in the morning you go to Mass, in the afternoon to Vespers. Any prayers may be recited during the time of the singing of the psalms. Read the following prayers and responses or occupy yourself with some pious reflections.

OUR FATHER, HAIL MARY (*in secret*).

DEUS, in adjutorium meum intende.

R. Domine, ad adjuvandum me festina.

V. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.

O GOD, come to my assistance

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

R. Sicut erat in principio et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen. [Alleluia.]

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. [Alleluia.]

From Septuagesima to Palm Sunday inclusive is said:

Laus tibi, Domine, Rex æternæ gloriæ.

Praise be to Thee, O Lord, King of everlasting glory.

Antiphona. Dixit Dominus.

Anthem. The Lord said.

In Paschal time the Psalms are all said under this one antiphon: *Alleluia.*

PSALM CIX. DIXIT DOMINUS.

DIXIT Dominus Domino meo: Sede a dextris meis:

THE Lord said to my lord: Sit thou at My right hand:

Donec ponam inimicos tuos: scabellum pedum tuorum.

Until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

Virgam virtutis tuæ emittet Dominus ex Sion: dominare in medio

The Lord shall send forth the rod of thy power from out of Sion:

inimicorum tuorum.

rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

Tecum principium in die virtutis tuæ, in splendoribus Sanctorum: ex utero ante luciferum genui te.

Thine shall be the dominion in the day of Thy power, amid the brightness of the saints: from the womb before the day-star have I begotten thee.

Juravit Dominus, et non pœnitebit eum: Tu es sacerdos in æternum, secundum ordinem Melchisedech.

The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent: Thou art a priest forever according to the order of Melchisedech.

Dominus a dextris tuis: confregit in die iræ suæ reges.

The Lord upon thy right hand hath overthrown kings in the day of His wrath.

Judicabit in nationibus, implebit ruinas: conquassabit capita in terra multorum.

He shall judge among the nations, He shall fulfil destructions: He shall smite in sunder the heads in the land of many.

De torrente in via bibet: propterea exaltabit caput.

He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall He lift up His head.

Gloria Patri, etc.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Antiphona. Dixit Dominus Domino meo: Sede a dextris meis.

Anthem. The Lord said to my Lord: Sit thou at My right hand.

Antiphona. Magna opera Domini.

Anthem. Great are the works of the Lord.

PSALM CX. CONFITEBOR TIBI.

CONFITEBOR tibi, Domine, in toto corde meo: in concilio justorum, et congregatione.

I WILL praise Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart: in the assembly of the just and in the congregation.

Magna opera Domini: exquisita in omnes voluntates ejus.

Great are the works of the Lord: sought out are they unto all His pleasure.

Confessio et magnificentia opus ejus: et justitia

His work is His praise and His honor: and His justice

ejus manet in sæculum sæculi.

endureth for ever and ever.

Memoriam fecit mirabilium suorum misericors et miserator Dominus: escam dedit timentibus se.

The merciful and gracious Lord hath left a memorial of His marvellous works: He hath given meat to them that fear Him.

Memor erit in sæculum testamenti sui: virtutem operum suorum annuntiabit populo suo:

He shall ever be mindful of His covenant: He shall show forth unto His people the power of His works:

Ut det illis hæreditatem gentium: opera manuum ejus veritas et judicium.

That He may give them the heritage of the Gentiles: the works of His hands are judgment and truth.

Fidelia omnia mandata ejus: confirmata in sæculum sæculi: facta in veritate et æquitate.

Faithful are all His commandments: they stand fast for ever and ever: they are done in truth and equity.

Redemptionem misit populo suo: mandavit in æternum testamentum suum.

He hath sent redemption unto His people: He hath commanded His covenant forever.

Sanctum et terribile nomen ejus: initium sapientiæ timor Domini.

Holy and terrible is His name: the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Intellectus bonus omnibus facientibus eum: laudatio ejus manet in sæculum sæculi.

A good understanding have they all that do thereafter: His praise endureth for ever and ever.

Gloria Patri, etc.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Antiphona. Magna opera Domini: exquisita in omnes voluntates ejus.

Anthem. Great are the works of the Lord: sought out are they unto all His pleasure.

Antiphona. Qui timet Dominum.

Anthem. He that feareth the Lord.

PSALM CXI. BEATUS VIR.

BEATUS vir qui timet Domi-

BLESSED is the man that feareth the Lord

num: in mandatis ejus volet nimis.

in His commandments he shall have great delight.

Potens in terra erit semen ejus: generatio rectorum benedicetur.

His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the righteous shall be blessed.

Gloria et divitiæ in domo ejus: et justitia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi.

Glory and riches shall be in his house: and his justice endureth for ever and ever.

Exortum est in tenebris lumen rectis: misericors, et miserator, et justus.

Unto the righteous there hath risen up light in the darkness: He is merciful, compassionate, and just.

Jucundus homo qui miseretur et commodat, disponet sermones suos in judicio: quia in æternum non commovebitur:

Acceptable is the man who is merciful, and lendeth: he will guide his words with judgment: he shall not be moved forever.

In memoria æterna erit justus; ab

The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance: he shall

auditione mala non timebit.

not be afraid for evil report.

Paratum cor ejus sperare in Domino, confirmatum est cor ejus: non commovebitur donec despiciat inimicos suos.

His heart is prepared to hope in the Lord: his heart is fixed: he shall not be moved until he look down upon his enemies.

Dispersit, dedit pauperibus: justitia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi: cornu ejus exaltabitur in gloria.

He hath dispersed abroad, he hath given to the poor: his justice endureth for ever and ever: his horn shall be exalted in glory.

Peccator videbit et irascetur: dentibus suis fremet et tabescet: desiderium peccatorum peribit.

The sinner shall see it, and be wroth: he shall gnash with his teeth, and consume away: the desire of the wicked shall perish.

Gloria Patri, etc.

Glory be, etc.

Antiphona. Qui timet Dominum, in mandatis ejus cupit nimis

Anthem. He that feareth the Lord, in His commandments he hath great delight.

Antiphona. Sit nomen Domini.

Anthem. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

PSALM CXII. LAUDATE, PUERI.

LAUDATE, pueri, Dominum: laudate nomen Domini.

PRAISE the Lord, ye children: praise ye the name of the Lord.

Sit nomen Domini benedictum: ex hoc nunc et usque in sæculum.

Blessed be the name of the Lord: from this time forth for evermore.

A solis ortu usque ad occasum: laudabile nomen Domini.

From the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same: the name of the Lord is worthy to be praised.

Excelsus super omnes gentes Dominus: et super cœlos gloria ejus.

The Lord is high above all nations: and His glory above the heavens.

Quis sicut Dominus Deus noster, qui in altis habitat: et humilia re-

Who is like unto the Lord our God, Who dwelleth on high: and regardeth the things that

spicit in cœlo et in terra?

are lowly in heaven and in earth?

Suscitans a terra inopem: et de stercore erigens pauperem:

Who raiseth up the needy from the earth: and lifteth the poor from off the dunghill:

Ut collocet eum cum principibus: cum principibus populi sui.

That He may set him with the princes: even with the princes of His people.

Qui habitare facit sterilem in domo: matrem filiorum lætantem.

Who maketh the barren woman to dwell in her house: the joyful mother of children.

Gloria Patri, etc.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Antiphona. Sit nomen Domini benedictum in sæcula.

Anthem. Blessed be the name of the Lord forever.

Antiphona. Deus autem noster.

Anthem. But our God.

PSALM CXIII. IN EXITU ISRAEL.

IN exitu Israel de Ægypto:

WHEN Israel came out of Ægypt: the house of Jacob from

domus Jacob de populo barbaro:

Facta est Judæa sanctificatio ejus: Israel potestas ejus.

Mare vidit et fugit: Jordanis conversus est retrorsum.

Montes exultaverunt ut arietes: et colles sicut agni ovium.

Quid est tibi, mare, quod fugisti: et tu, Jordanis, quia conversus es retrorsum?

Montes exultastis sicut arietes: et colles, sicut agni ovium?

A facie Domini mota est terra: a facie Dei Jacob.

among a strange people:

Judea was made his sanctuary: and Israel his dominion.

The sea beheld, and fled: Jordan was turned back.

The mountains skipped like rams: and the little hills like the lambs of the flock.

What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fledst: and thou, Jordan, that thou wast turned back?

Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams: and ye little hills like the lambs of the flock?

At the presence of the Lord the earth was moved, at the presence of the God of Jacob

Qui convertit petram in stagna aquarum: et rupem in fontes aquarum.

Who turned the rock into a standing water: and the stony hill into a flowing stream.

Non nobis, Domine, non nobis: sed nomini tuo da gloriam.

Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us: but unto Thy name give the glory.

Super misericordia tua, et veritate tua: nequando dicant gentes, Ubi est Deus eorum?

For Thy mercy and for Thy truth's sake: lest the Gentiles should say, Where is their God?

Deus autem noster in cœlo: omnia quæcumque voluit fecit.

But our God is in heaven: He hath done whatsoever He would.

Simulacra gentium argentum et aurum: opera manuum hominum.

The idols of the Gentiles are silver and gold: the work of the hands of men.

Os habent, et non loquentur: oculos habent, et non videbunt.

They have mouths, and speak not: they have eyes, and see not.

Aures habent, et non audient: na-

They have ears, and hear not: they

res habent, et non odorabunt.

Manus habent, et non palpabunt: pedes habent, et non ambulabunt: non clamabunt in gutture suo.

Similes illis fiant qui faciunt ea: et omnes qui confidunt in eis.

Domus Israel speravit in Domino: adjutor eorum et protector eorum est.

Domus Aaron speravit in Domino: adjutor eorum et protector eorum est.

Qui timent Dominum speraverunt in Domino: adjutor eorum et protector eorum est.

have noses, and smell not.

They have hands, and they feel not: they have feet, and walk not: neither shall they speak through their throat.

Let those that make them become like unto them: and all such as put their trust in them.

The house of Israel hath hoped in the Lord: He is their helper and protector.

The house of Aaron hath hoped in the Lord: He is their helper and protector.

They that fear the Lord have hoped in the Lord: He is their helper and protector.

Dominus memor fuit nostri: et benedixit nobis.

The Lord hath been mindful of us: and hath blessed us.

Benedixit domui Israel: benedixit domui Aaron.

He hath blessed the house of Israel: He hath blessed the house of Aaron.

Benedixit omnibus qui timent Dominum: pusillis cum majoribus.

He hath blessed all that fear the Lord: the least together with the greatest.

Adjiciat Dominus super vos: super vos, et super filios vestros.

May the Lord add blessings upon you: upon you and upon your children.

Benedicti vos a Domino: qui fecit cœlum et terram.

Blessed be ye of the Lord: Who hath made heaven and earth.

Cœlum cœli Domino: terram autem dedit filiis hominum.

The heaven of heavens is the Lord's: but the earth He hath given to the children of men.

Non mortui laudabunt te, Domine:

The dead shall not praise Thee,

neque omnes qui descendunt in infernum.

O Lord: neither all they that go down into hell.

Sed nos qui vivimus, benedicimus Domino: ex hoc nunc et usque in sæculum.

But we who live bless the Lord: from this time forth forevermore.

Gloria Patri, etc.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Antiphona. Deus autem noster in cœlo: omnia quæcumque voluit, fecit.

Anthem. But our God is in Heaven. He hath done all things whatsoever He would.

Instead of this psalm the following is sometimes said:

PSALM CXVI. LAUDATE DOMINUM.

LAUDATE Dominum, omnes gentes: laudate eum, omnes populi:

PRAISE the Lord, all ye Gentiles: praise Him, all ye people:

Quoniam confirmata est super nos, misericordia ejus: et veritas Domini manet in æternum.

For His mercy is confirmed upon us: and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.

In Paschal time:—*Anthem.* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Hymn.

LUCIS Creator optime,
Lucem dierum proferens,
Primordiis lucis novæ,
Mundi parans originem.

OBLEST Creator of the light,
Who dost the dawn from darkness bring;
And, framing Nature's depth and height,
Didst with the new-born light begin—

Qui mane junctum vesperi
Diem vocari præcipis:
Illabitur tetrum chaos,
Audi preces cum fletibus.

Who, gently blending eve with morn,
And morn with eve, didst call them day—
Thick flows the flood of darkness down;
Oh, hear us, as we weep and pray!

Ne mens gravata crimine,
Vitæ sit exul munere,

Keep Thou our souls from schemes of crime,
Nor guilt remorseful let them know

Dum nil perenne cogitat,
Seseque culpis illigat.

Nor, thinking but on things of time,
Into eternal darkness go.

Cœleste pulset ostium:
Vitale tollat præmium;
Vitemus omne noxium:
Purgemus omne pessimum.

Teach us to knock at heaven's high door;
Teach us the prize of life to win;
Teach us all evil to abhor,
And purify ourselves within.

Præsta, Pater piissime,
Patrique compar Unice,
Cum Spiritu Paraclito,
Regnans per omne sæculum.
Amen.

Father of mercies! hear our cry:
Hear us, O sole-begotten Son!
Who, with the Holy Ghost most high,
Reignest while endless ages run.
Amen.

V. Dirigatur Domine, oratio mea.

V. Let my prayer, O Lord, be directed.

℟. Sicut incensum in conspectu tuo.

℟. As incense in Thy sight.

THE MAGNIFICAT, OR CANTICLE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

MAGNIFICAT: anima mea Dominum.

MY soul doth magnify the Lord.

Et exultavit spiritus meus: in Deo salutari meo.

And my spirit hath rejoiced: in God my Saviour.

Quia respexit humilitatem ancillæ suæ: ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes generationes.

For He hath regarded the humility of His handmaid: for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est: et sanctum nomen ejus.

For He that is mighty hath done great things unto me: and holy is His name.

Et misericordia ejus a progenie in progenies: timentibus eum.

And His mercy is from generation to generation: unto them that fear Him.

Fecit potentiam in brachio suo:

He hath showed strength with His

dispersit superbos mente cordis sui.

arm: He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their heart.

Deposuit potentes de sede: et exaltavit humiles.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble.

Esurientes implevit bonis: et divites dimisit inanes.

He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich He hath sent empty away.

Suscepit Israel puerum suum: recordatus misericordiæ suæ.

He hath upholden His servant Israel: being mindful of His mercy.

Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros: Abraham et semini ejus in sæcula.

As He spake unto our fathers: to Abraham and his seed forever.

Gloria Patri, etc.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Here follow the proper collect and the commemorations, if any.

V. Benedicamus Domino.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Deo gratias.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. Fidelium animæ per misericordiam Dei requiescant in pace.

V. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

R. Amen.

If Compline does not follow after the Pater Noster, which is said secretly, the following versicle is sung:

V. Dominus det nobis suam pacem.

V. May the Lord grant us His peace.

R. Et vitam æternam. Amen.

R. And the life eternal. Amen.

[Then is said one of the anthems of the Blessed Virgin, according to the season.]

The *Anthem* from the first Sunday in Advent to the Purification inclusive.

ALMA redemptoris mater quæ pervia cœli.

MOTHER of Christ! hear thou thy people's cry,

Porta manes, et stella maris, succurre cadenti,

Star of the deep and portal of the sky!

Surgere qui curat populo: tu quæ genuisti.

Mother of Him Who thee from nothing made,

Natura mirante,

Sinking we strive,

tuum sanctum genitorem,
Virgo prius ac posterius; Gabrielis ab ore.
Sumens illud Ave, peccatorum miserere.

and call to thee for aid:
Oh, by that joy which Gabriel brought to thee.
Thou Virgin first and last, let us thy mercy sec.

In Advent.

V. ANGELUS Domini nuntiavit Mariæ.

R. Et concepit de Spiritu Sancto.

V. THE angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Ghost.

Oremus.

GRATIAM tuam, quæsumus, Domine, mentibus nostris infunde; ut qui, angelo nuntiante, Christi Filii tui incarnationem cognovimus, per passionem ejus et crucem, ad resurrectionis gloriam perducamur. Per eundem Christum

Let Us Pray.

POUR forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord! Thy grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may, by His Passion and cross, be brought to the

Dominum nostrum.

glory of His resurrection. .Through the same Christ Our Lord.

R. Amen.

R. Amen.

V. Divinum auxilium maneat semper nobiscum.

V. May the divine assistance remain always with us.

R. Amen.

R. Amen.

From Christmas to the Purification

V. POST partum, virgo inviolata permansisti.

V. AFTER childbirth thou didst remain an inviolate Virgin.

R. Dei genitrix, intercede pro nobis.

R. Mother of God, make intercession for us.

Oremus.

Let Us Pray.

DEUS, qui salutis æternæ beatæ Mariæ virginitate fœcunda humano generi præmia præstitisti; tribue, quæsumus, ut ipsam pro nobis intercedere sentiamus, per quam

O GOD, Who, by the fruitful virginity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, hast given to mankind the rewards of eternal salvation, grant, we beseech Thee, that we may e-

meruimus, Auctorem vitæ suscipere Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum Filium tuum.

perience her intercession for us, through whom we have received the Author of life, Our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son.

R. Amen.

R. Amen.

V. Divinum auxilium maneat semper nobiscum.

V. May the divine assistance remain always with us.

R. Amen.

R. Amen.

From the Purification till Easter.

AVE, Regina cœlum;

HAIL, O Queen of heaven enthroned!

Ave, Domina angelorum.

Hail, by angels mistress owned!

Salve, radix, salve, porta,

Root of Jesse! Gate of morn!

Ex qua mundo lux est orta.

Whence the world's true Light was born.

Gaude, virgo gloriosa,

Glorious Virgin joy to thee,

Super omnes speciosa;

Loveliest whom in heaven they see

Vale, o valde decora,

Fairest thou where all are fair!

Et pro nobis Christum exora.

V. Dignare me laudare te, virgo sacrata.

R. Da mihi virtutem contra hostes tuos.

Plead with Christ our sins to spare.

V. Vouchsafe that I may praise Thee, O sacred Virgin.

R. Give me strength against thy enemies.

Oremus.

CONCEDE, misericors Deus, fragilitati nostræ præsidium; ut qui sanctæ Dei genitricis memoriam agimus, intercessionis ejus auxilio a nostris iniquitatibus resurgamus. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

V. Divinum auxilium maneat semper nobiscum.

R. Amen.

Let Us Pray.

GRANT, O merciful God, support to our frailty, that we, who commemorate the holy Mother of God may, by the help of her intercession, arise from our iniquities. Through the same Christ Our Lord.

R. Amen.

V. May the divine assisance remain always with us.

R. Amen.

From Easter to Trinity Eve.

REGINA cœli lætare, Alleluia;

Quia quem meruisti portare, Alleluia;

Resurrexit sicut dixit, Alleluia.

Ora pro nobis Deum, Alleluia.

V. Gaude et lætare, Virgo Maria, Alleluia.

R. Quia surrexit Dominus vere, Alleluia.

O QUEEN of heaven, rejoice, Alleluia;

For He Whom thou didst deserve to bear, Alleluia;

Is risen again as He said, Allelaia.

Pray for us to God, Alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.

R. Because Our Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.

Oremus.

DEUS, qui, per resurrectionem Filii tui Domini nostri Jesu Christi, mundum lætificare dignatus es, præsta quæsumus, ut per ejus genitricem virginem Mariam perpetuæ capiamus

Let Us Pray.

O GOD, Who, by the resurrection of Thy Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, hast been pleased to fill the world with joy, grant, we beseech Thee, that by the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may

gaudia vitæ. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

receive the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ Our Lord.

R. Amen.

From Trinity Sunday to Advent.

SALVE, regina, mater misericordiæ! vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.

Ad te clamamus, exules filii Evæ. Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes in hac lacrymarum valle.

HAIL, holy Queen, Mother of mercy! our life, our sweetness, and our hope.

To thee do we cry, poor banished sons of Eve, to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.

Eia ergo advocata nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte.

Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us.

Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exilium ostende.

And after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

O clemens. O

O clement, O

pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.

V. Ora pro nobis, sancta Dei Genitrix.

R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Oremus.

OMNIPOTENS sempiterne Deus, qui gloriosæ Virginis Matris Mariæ corpus et animam, ut dignum Filii tui habitaculum effici mereretur, Spiritu Sancto co-operante, præparasti: da ut cujus commemoratione lætamur ejus pia intercessione ab instantibus malis, et a morte perpetua liberemur. Per eundem Chris-

Let Us Pray.

ALMIGHTY and Eternal God, Who, by the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, didst prepare the body and soul of the glorious Virgin Mother, Mary, that she might become a worthy habitation for Thy Son, grant that, as with joy we celebrate her memory so by her pious intercession we may be delivered from present evils and eternal death

tum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

V. Divinum auxilium maneat semper nobiscum.

R. Amen.

Through the same Christ Our Lord.

R. Amen.

V. May the divine assistance always remain with us.

R. Amen.

The Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

When the priest opens the tabernacle and incenses the Blessed Sacrament, is sung the hymn:

O SALUTARIS Hostia,
Quæ cœli pandis ostium;
Bella premunt hostilia,
Da robur, fer auxilium.

O SAVING victim, opening wide
The gate of heaven to man below!
Our foes press on from every side;
Thine aid supply, Thy strength bestow.

Uni trinoque, Domino
Sit sempiterna gloria,

To Thy great name be endless praise,
Immortal Godhead, one in three

Qui vitam sine termino
Nobis donet in patria. Amen.

Oh, grant us endless length of days
In our true native land with Thee. Amen.

Then is sung the following:

TANTUM ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui:
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui:
Præstet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.

DOWN in adoration falling,
Lo! the sacred Host we hail,
Lo! o'er ancient forms departing,
Newer rites of grace prevail,
Faith for all defect supplying
Where the feeble senses fail.

Genitori, Genitoque
Laus et jubilatio:
Salus, honor, virtus quoque,
Sit et benedictio:

To the everlasting Father,
And the Son Who reigns on high,
With the holy Ghost proceeding
Forth from each eternally,

Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio.

Be salvation, honor, blessing,
Might, and endless majesty!

V. Panem de cœlo præstitisti eis. [Alleluia.]

V. Thou hast given them bread from heaven [Alleluia.]

R. Omne delectamentum in se habentem. [Alleluia.]

R. Replenished with all sweetness and delight. [Alleluia.]

V. Ora pro nobis, sancta Dei Genitrix.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Oremus.

DEUS, qui nobis sub sacramento mirabili, pasonis tuæ memoriam reliquisti; tribue, quæsumus, ita nos corporis et sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari.

Let Us Pray.

O GOD, Who in this wonderful sacrament hast left us a memorial of Thy Passion, grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of Thy sacred body and

at redemptionis tuæ fructum nobis jugiter sentiamus. Qui vivis, etc.

blood that our souls may be always sensible of the fruit of Thy redemption. Who livest, etc.

ACT OF REPARATION FOR BLASPHEMY.

BLESSED be God.

Blessed be His holy name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.

Blessed be the name of Jesus.

Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blessed be her holy and immaculate conception.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in His angels and in His saints.

(Indulgence of two years, when said publicly after Mass or Benediction.—Leo XIII, Feb. 2, 1897.)

The Litany of the Saints.

ANTHEM.

REMEMBER not, O Lord, our offences, nor those of our parents; neither take Thou vengeance of our sins.

LORD have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.
Christ hear us.
Christ graciously hear us.
God the Father of heaven, *Have mercy on us.*
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *Have mercy on us.*
God the Holy Ghost, *Have mercy on us.*
Holy Trinity, one God, *Have mercy on us.*
Holy Mary,
Holy Mother of God,
Holy Virgin of virgins,
} *Pray for us!*

St. Michael,
St. Gabriel,
St. Raphael,
All ye holy angels and archangels,
All ye holy orders of blessed spirits,
St. John the Baptist,
St. Joseph,
All ye holy patriarchs and prophets,
St. Peter,
St. Paul,
St. Andrew,
St. James,
St. John,
St. Thomas,
St. James,
St. Philip,
St. Bartholomew,
St. Matthew,
St. Simon,
St. Thaddeus,
St. Matthias,
St. Barnabas,
St. Luke,
St. Mark,
All ye holy apostles and evangelists,

Pray for us.

All ye holy disciples of Our Lord,
All ye holy innocents,
St. Stephen,
St. Lawrence,
St. Vincent,
SS. Fabian and Sebastian,
SS. John and Paul,
SS. Cosmas and Damian,
SS. Gervase and Protase,
All ye holy martyrs,
St. Sylvester,
St. Gregory,
St. Ambrose,
St. Augustine,
St. Jerome,
St. Martin,
St. Nicholas,
All ye holy bishops and confessors,
All ye holy doctors,
St. Anthony,
St. Benedict,
St. Bernard,
St. Dominic,
St. Francis,
All ye holy priests and Levites,
All ye holy monks and hermits,
St. Mary Magdalen.

Pray for us.

St. Agatha,
St. Lucy,
St. Agnes,
St. Cecilia,
St. Catharine,
St. Anastasia,
All ye holy virgins and widows, *Pray for us!*

All ye holy men and women, saints of God, *Make intercession for us!*

Be merciful, *Spare us, O Lord!*

Be merciful, *Graciously hear us, O Lord!*

From all evil,
From all sin,
From Thy wrath,
From sudden and unlooked-for death,
From the snares of the devil,
From anger, and hatred, and every evil will,
From the spirit of fornication,
From lightning and tempest,
From everlasting death,
Through the mystery of Thy holy incarnation,
Through Thy coming,
Through Thy nativity,
Through Thy baptism and holy fasting,
Through Thy cross and passion, *O Lord, deliver us!*

Through Thy death and burial,
Through Thy holy resurrection,
Through Thine admirable ascension,
Through the coming of the Holy Ghost, the Paraclete,
In the day of judgment,
We sinners,
That Thou wouldst spare us,
That Thou wouldst pardon us,
That Thou wouldst bring us to true penance,
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to govern and preserve Thy holy Church,
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to preserve our apostolic prelate, and all Orders of the Church in holy religion,
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to humble the enemies of holy Church,
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to give peace and true concord to Christian kings and princes,
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to grant peace and unity to all Christian people,
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to

O Lord, deliver us!

We beseech Thee, hear us!

bring back to the unity of the Church all those who have strayed away, and lead to the light of the Gospel all unbelievers,

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to confirm and preserve us in Thy holy service,

That Thou wouldst lift up our minds to heavenly desires,

That Thou wouldst render eternal blessings to all our benefactors,

That Thou wouldst deliver our souls, and the souls of our brethren, relations, and benefactors, from eternal damnation,

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to give and preserve the fruits of the earth,

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to grant eternal rest to all the faithful departed,

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe graciously to hear us,

Son of God,

Lamb of God, etc.

We beseech Thee, hear us!

Christ hear us.
Christ graciously hear us.
Lord have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.
Our Father (*secretly*).

V. And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil.

PSALM LXIX.

Deus in Adjutorium.

O God, come to my assistance: O Lord, make haste to help me.

Let them be confounded and ashamed that seek after my soul.

Let them be turned backward and blush for shame that desire evils unto me.

Let them be straightway turned backward blushing for shame that say unto me: 'Tis well, 'tis well.

Let all that seek Thee be joyful and glad in Thee: and let such as love Thy salvation say always, The Lord be magnified.

But I am needy and poor: O God, help Thou me.

Thou art my helper and my deliverer: O Lord, make no long delay.

Glory be, etc.

V. Save Thy servants.

R. Who hope in Thee, O my God.

V. Be unto us, O Lord, a tower of strength.

R. From the face of the enemy.

V. Let not the enemy prevail against us.

R. Nor the son of iniquity approach to hurt us.

V. O Lord, deal not with us according to our sins.

R. Neither requite us according to our iniquities.

V. Let us pray for our Sovereign Pontiff [N.].

R. The Lord preserve him and give him life, and make him blessed upon the earth, and deliver him not up to the will of his enemies.

V. Let us pray for our benefactors.

R. Vouchsafe, O Lord, for Thy name's sake, to reward with eternal life all them that do us good. Amen.

V. Let us pray for the faithful departed.

R. Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

V. Let them rest in peace.

R. Amen.

V. For our absent brethren.

R. Save Thy servants who hope in Thee, O my God.

V. Send them help, O Lord, from the sanctuary.

R. And defend them out of Sion.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

Let us Pray.

O God, Whose property is always to have mercy and to spare, receive our humble petition, that we, and all Thy servants who are bound by the chain of sin, may, by the compassion of Thy goodness, mercifully be absolved.

Graciously hear, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the prayers of Thy suppliants, and forgive the sins of them that confess to Thee, that, in Thy bounty, Thou mayest grant us both pardon and peace.

Show forth upon us, O Lord, in Thy mercy, Thy unspeakable loving-kindness, that Thou mayest both loose us from all our sins and deliver us from the punishments which we deserve for them.

O God, Who by sin art offended and by penance pacified, mercifully regard the prayers of Thy people making supplication to Thee, and turn away the scourges of Thine anger, which we deserve for our sins.

Almighty, everlasting God, have mercy upon Thy servant [N.], our Sovereign Pontiff, and direct him, according to Thy clemency, into the way of everlasting salvation, that by Thy grace he may both desire those things that are pleasing to Thee and perform them with all his strength.

O God, from Whom all holy desires, all right counsels, and all just works do come, give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts, being devoted to Thy commandments, and the fear of our enemies being

taken away, our times, by Thy protection, may be peaceful.

Inflame, O Lord, our reins and heart with the fire of the Holy Ghost, that we may serve Thee with a chaste body and please Thee with a clean heart.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, give to the souls of Thy servants departed the remission of all their sins, that through pious supplications they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired.

Prompt, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our actions by Thy inspirations, and further them with Thy continual help, that every prayer and work of ours may always begin from Thee, and through Thee be likewise ended.

Almighty, everlasting God, Who hast dominion over the living and the dead, and art merciful to all whom Thou foreknowest shall be Thine by faith and works, we humbly beseech Thee that they for whom we intend to pour forth our prayers, whether this present world still detain them in the flesh or the world

to come has already received them stripped of their mortal bodies, may, by the grace of Thy loving-kindness, and by the intercession of all the saints, obtain the remission of all their sins. Through Thy Son Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

R. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

V. May the almighty and merciful Lord graciously hear us.

R. Amen.

V. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

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